

London police slipping in fight against crime because of cash limits

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The police in London can no longer keep pace with rising crime, Sir Kenneth Newman, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, said yesterday.

In trying to operate within rigorously enforced cash limits, the police inevitably would be less able to meet all their commitments in the way that we would wish.

He said in his annual report to Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary: "We have been forced to concentrate upon particular priorities."

Senior policemen stressed at a press conference that those priorities would change from time to time. An Assistant Commissioner, Mr John Delow, said: "Our attitudes towards drugs will remain as firm as we can possibly make it."

Robbery on the streets would continue to be tackled with determination but other areas would have to be examined for savings.

Sir Kenneth said he believed a larger police force was needed but he added that the Government had to call a halt at some time to rising expenditure and there was no reason why the police should be exempt. The country had to decide how much law and order it required. "I have to accept there are finite limits to resources."

There was no immediate intention to cut recruitment but it would have to be kept under review during the year. By putting civilians in certain posts Sir Kenneth hopes to maintain police strength on the streets.

Although concerned about disorder on the streets he said that without mobile support units London would be a less orderly place. One example of growing disorder that concerned him was an increase in the use of knives and other sharp instruments, not only in muggings but in street fights between gangs of youths.

Metropolitan Police figures show that the use of sharp instruments in recorded incidents of violence against the person rose by 64 per cent between 1974 and 1984.

In recorded offences of robbery of all types over the same period, the number of occasions when sharp instruments were used rose from 518 to 3,105.

The total number of notifiable offences recorded by the force rose by 9 per cent last year to 716,545 from 659,293 in 1983.

The overall clear-up rate at 17 per cent remained for 1983. Despite his doubts on the statistical value of police records of racial incidents, Sir Kenneth said there were 1,515 such incidents last year compared with 1,277 in 1983.

Preliminary cuts decided by the force's policy committee includes one of 15 per cent in the total pay available for overtime.

The cost of travel assistance and other allowances would be reduced by 5 per cent.

The number of police vehicles and the total fleet mileage would be reduced, and police helicopters would fly 20 per cent fewer hours. Expenditure on some important computer schemes would also have to be postponed.

Those and other cuts are expected to produce savings of £20 million, £5 million short of the sum which will probably be needed.

Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for the year 1984 (Command 9541, Stationery Office, £10.35).



Sir Kenneth Newman delivering his annual report yesterday on policing London (Photograph: John Voss).

Rail fare changes anger passengers

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

British Rail faces a barrage of criticism from travellers over the fare structure introduced last month.

Passengers complain that some fares have risen enormously, that some fare categories have disappeared, and that railway staff are confused by the new system.

The changes were intended to simplify the "fares jungle" and to move traffic to less crowded off-peak trains.

But according to the rail users' watchdog, the Central Transport Consultative Committee, BR has replaced a fare jungle with a restrictions jungle.

For the early traveller from Bradford to London for example, a cheap Saver fare costs £25. But from neighbouring Leeds, the Saver is not available, and the passenger has to pay £46 - £21 more for a slightly shorter journey.

From Stockton and Middlesbrough to London, normal fares are identical. But on the Cleveland Executive, the Stockton passenger pays £36 for a day return, and the Middlesbrough traveller nearly twice that, at £61.50.

BR hopes to raise an extra £10 million to £15 million a year from the new fares.

Bradford chairman 'was unaware of fire risk warning'

By Peter Davenport

The chairman of Bradford City Football Club yesterday told the public inquiry into last month's fire disaster that he only became aware of a letter warning of the risk the Monday after the tragedy.

Mr Stafford Heginbotham said the letter from West Yorkshire County Council, which was dated July 18, 1984, and warned of the danger from litter, was found after he ordered a search of club records.

Giving evidence to the inquiry for the first time, Mr Heginbotham said: "I accept responsibility on behalf of the club and directors that other things could have been done, but that is with the benefit of hindsight."

"My own personal feelings are ones of deep regret and great sorrow for the loved ones of people who died or who were badly injured."

"I have thought a thousand times since about what more could have been done, what more ought to have been done, in order that such a tragedy did not occur or should not occur again."

Mr Heginbotham said "any adult" would have recognized that the litter which had accumulated for 17 years beneath the wooden stand was a fire hazard.

But he said that even if he had been aware of the letter he would not have taken any action nor regarded the warning as a priority for the club.

He accepted the litter should not have been there, but to clear it would have involved the virtual dismantling of the stand.

Mr Heginbotham said that it had been his intention after taking over as chairman of the club to complete a reconcreting and rescating of the main stand which would have removed most of the combustible material.

The work, together with a new roof for the stand, was due to start on the Monday after the match at which the fire occurred.

Mr Terry Newman, the secretary at Bradford City, later told the inquiry he had filed away the July 18 letter from the county.

Asked if he thought the letter called for immediate action, he said: "No, I thought it was referring to designated clubs which we were not."

I never felt that anyone was worried about a fire hazard, particularly in the stands."

Mr Jack Tordoff, the club vice chairman, said he had seen the letter and thought it merely referred to surface rubbish.

Electricity plea for tenants

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Overcharging by landlords for electricity should be a criminal offence, Sir Gordon Berris, Director General of Fair Trading, said yesterday. He also called for landlords to provide detailed bills when demanding payment.

Although it was unlikely that overcharging was widespread it was a very serious problem for those affected, an Office of Fair Trading report said. Sometimes units consumed were overstated or tenants were charged more than the maximum rates.

Maximum rates vary between electricity board areas and allow for some landlord costs.

Sir Gordon said yesterday: "Those who are affected by overcharging tend to be among the most vulnerable members of society, such as those on low incomes who can least afford to take action about it themselves."

A tenant's only recourse is to sue a landlord in the civil courts and Sir Gordon believes that insufficient protection.

Tenants could not take their

business elsewhere, the report says and they might not act for fear of reprisal. Complaining tenants have been threatened with eviction or disconnection.

One Essex caravan tenant who made an official complaint had his furniture removed and was no longer living there.

Trading standards officers could police charges by landlords or anyone who resells electricity, the report suggests.

"Reale of Electricity by Landlords: a report by the Director General of Fair Trading, (OFT, Field House, Breams Buildings, London EC4A 1PR).

'Cannabis smugglers caught on river'

By Michael Horsnell

Smugglers tried to land 4.3 tonnes of cannabis resin from Lebanon valued at £10 million after sailing across the Mediterranean to the east coast of England, Chelmsford Crown Court was told yesterday.

But they were caught after mooring in the River Crouch, after months of surveillance by Customs officers last year.

The cannabis seizure at North Farnbridge, in Essex, where the two-masted schooner the Robert Gordon was boarded, was the biggest in Britain by Customs officers.

On board were two pistols Mr Anthony Arledge, QC, for the prosecution, said.

Four men deny being knowingly concerned in smuggling 4,302 kilograms of cannabis into Britain last October. They are: Geoffrey King, aged 41, a builder from Harlow, Essex; Terence Guy, aged 46, a company director, from Romford, Essex; David Crighton, aged 22, a deckhand from Corby, Northants; and John Bridger, aged 37, from Chesham, Herts.

Keith Jones, aged 37, the captain from Canewdon, Essex, who admitted smuggling denied

Strawberry under siege by imports

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The English strawberry season was launched yesterday in the appropriate setting of the Crush Bar at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

The Farm Shop and Pick Your Own Association, which claims that nearly half the strawberries eaten in Britain are picked on the farm by customers, is predicting a bumper harvest, provided there is sunshine in the next few days.

Over the past 10 years the value of the trade has grown from £22 million to more than £60 million.

But there are metaphorical as well as actual clouds over the industry. The English strawberry is in danger of being overtaken by a wave of cheaper and earlier imports.

Once the strawberry was a very special seasonal treat, around for only a few weeks in late June and early July.

But for several weeks British shoppers have already been enjoying strawberries from Spain, Portugal and Italy. A typical high street price is about 50p to 60p for a half-pound punnet, but they can be got for half that.

Their high quality is ensured by modern irradiation preservative methods, which offer a taste of things to come when Spain and Portugal join the EEC.

Mr Graham Blake, managing director of Kentish Gardens, Britain's largest soft fruit co-operative, said yesterday that the threat from overseas had been exaggerated.

But some growers in Somerset have called for a quota system on imports.

Pathologists dismissed

Two consultant pathologists were dismissed yesterday for allegedly failing to pay to the National Health Service money they received from private work.

Dr Terry Marshall and Dr Peter Fletcher, consultants at the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent, who were dismissed by the West Midlands Regional Health Authority, were the first victims

of the Government's tough new approach to the collection of private fees.

They are expected to appeal.

The two pathologists were accused of failing to pay more than £10,000 to the North Staffordshire Health Authority from private practice. The West Midlands authority said yesterday that the money had since been repaid.

'Best ever' Wimbledon fakes

By Colin Hughes

The ticket agent who first spotted the Wimbledon forgeries, which have brought a deluge of inquiries to the tournament organizers from ticket-holders, yesterday said the forged tickets were "among the best I have ever seen."

Mr John Cook, who runs an established agency called Seatfinders in Westminster, said the forgeries were so good that he had to take them to Wimbledon for close inspection before confirming they were not the real thing.

"When you are experienced in the business you can detect the smallest differences quite quickly," he said. He became suspicious about a pair of centre court tickets last Friday when he noticed a tiny printing difference, which he would not divulge for fear of alerting forgers.

"Obviously we need to be able to reassure our important clients that we will never sell forgeries on to them, so we have to remain alert. If they found we had sold them forgeries they would never come back, and our customers are mostly regular," Mr Cook said.

Other agents said yesterday that two seats for the men's finals could now fetch between £500 and £600.

Mr Cook said most of the tickets he offered were bought from people who had been lucky in the public ballot for seats and wanted to cash in on their good fortune. Others came from people who had won tickets in competitions and raffles.

"We have firm and reputable customers, mostly companies or well-off Americans," said Mr Cook, for whom Wimbledon tickets are only part of his trade in tickets not easily obtained.

The forgeries have highlighted the extraordinary way in which a feverish Wimbledon seat trade peaks each June.

Some agents, keen to avoid the shadier areas of touting which are more vulnerable to forgeries, will buy only the best seats which are not allocated to the general public through the ballot. Those are either debenture seats, or seats reserved for interested groups such as council members of the Lawn Tennis Association, members of the All-England Club, LTA-affiliated clubs, and foreign tennis organizations.

There are 1,200 Wimbledon debenture holders, who buy seats for a five-year period, giving them exclusive use. Most are City firms and

brokers who use them for entertaining contacts, and debenture holdings change hands within City circles almost like any other commodity.

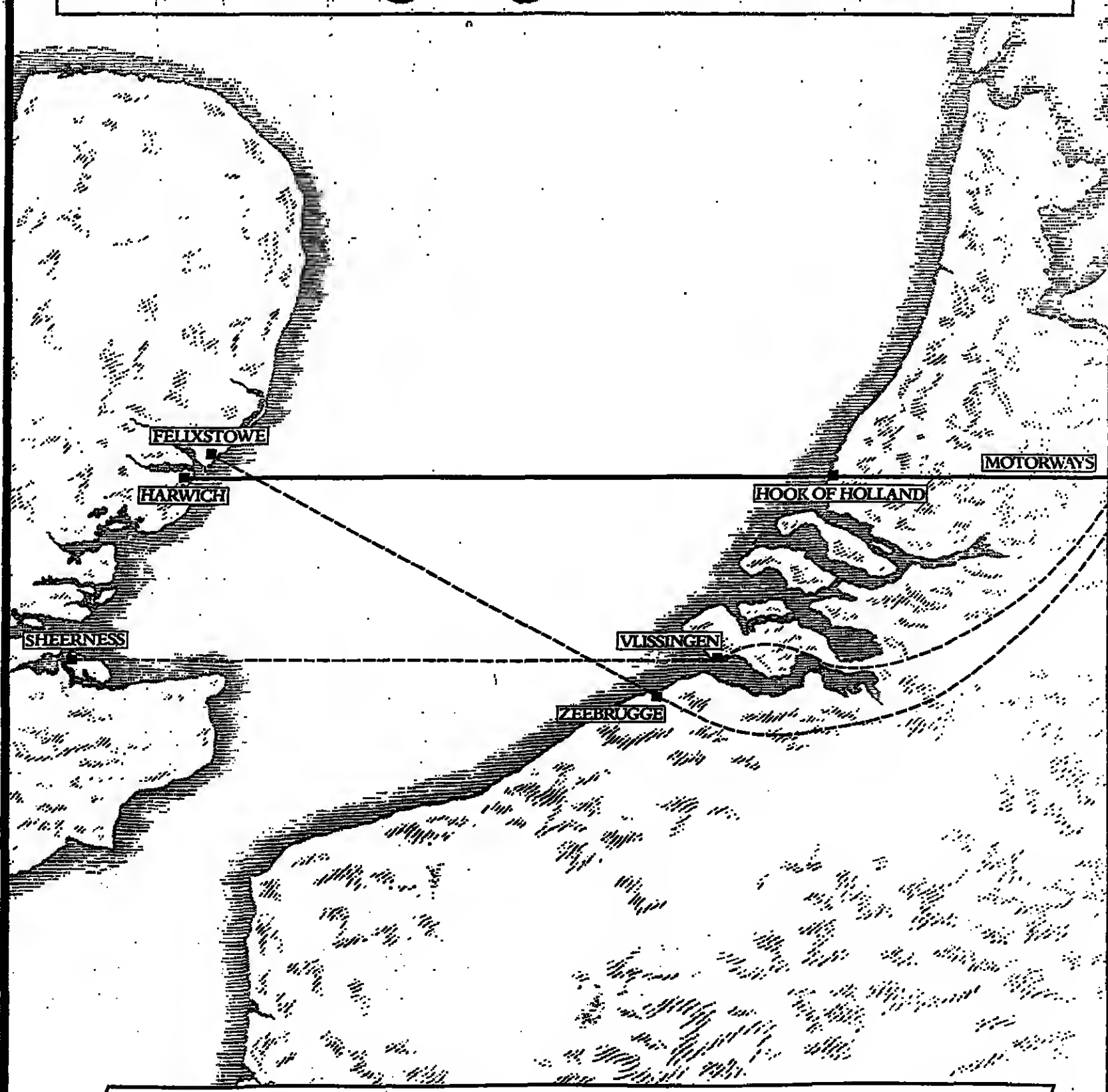
The "hotline" set up by detectives and the All-England Club to take telephone calls from ticket-holders who suspect they may have bought forgeries has received more than 500 calls in two days. Most tickets have been quickly discounted by checking back their source, but so far eight forgeries, apart from those found by Mr Cook, have surfaced.

Anyone who the club feels might be holding forgeries is being asked to send them back by registered mail for checking. It is thought many more fakes will turn up in this morning's mail. No one holding forgeries need fear prosecution, as receiving them is not illegal.

Det. Chief Inspector Bob Hancock, who is heading the inquiry for Wimbledon CID, said yesterday it appeared the forgeries were in hundreds, not thousands as originally suspected.

So far all the detected fakes have been for centre court seats.

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British capability in crisis to be tested

DEFENCE

The ultimate worldwide role of British defence forces is a crisis to be tested in the next year by the Ministry of Defence, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, announced when he opened a two-day defence debate in the Commons.

Mr Heseltine moved that the House should approve the 1985 defence estimates and white paper.

He said that the United Kingdom ultimately maintained a capability to intervene militarily either to protect its own interests or in response to a request for help from friends.

Drawing on the lessons of the Falklands conflict (he said) we have made great strides in enhancing the mobility and flexibility of our forces in deploy rapidly at long range in a crisis.

The use of such forces would be regarded very much as a last resort, but to be effective in any crisis, they must not only be properly equipped but well trained.

The exercise next year would be to demonstrate the ability of British forces to respond rapidly to a crisis outside the Nato area and to test improvements in their command and control arrangements.

Mr Heseltine also announced the placing of an order for further Challenger tanks to equip a sixth Challenger regiment.

The Government was discussing with the United States Government British participation in the strategic defence initiative research (star wars) and he said that must bring clear benefits to the British defence effort.

Opening the debate, Mr Heseltine said the clear lesson of the past 40 years was that the Soviet Union was prepared to extend its influence world-wide when low-risk opportunities presented themselves. The Soviet leadership was cautious and the risks would be carefully weighed.

The essence of Nato strategy had been to ensure that there were no risk-free opportunities of aggression against a member of the alliance. Its success rested upon the Russians being in no doubt about the allies' ability and will to defend themselves.

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Government committed to thriving industry

COAL INDUSTRY

The year-long coal dispute had left a substantial legacy of financial loss the final size of which would not be known until next month when the National Coal Board published its annual report. Lord Gray of Contin, Minister of State for the Scottish Office, said in opening in the House of Lords the second reading debate on the Coal Industry Bill.

Latest estimates of the losses put the strike at £2,200 million for 1984/85, he said, largely due to the strike.

It was known that the strike was that 73 coal faces had been lost, 48 working faces, 24 sandwiche faces and one development face. The write-off of these faces ran into many millions of pounds and the cost of recovery of faces damaged was similarly a very expensive process.

The National Coal Board was undertaking a major exercise to review the extent of the damage and work out options for the future. It was too early to say what the outcome would be, but when it was considered an pit could no longer be justified, the proper colliery review procedure would be followed.

The Bill extended the period during which the board could be paid to the National Coal Board, and the figures were set high enough to meet any conceivable set of circumstances in advance of the final outcome of the board's deliberations.

There was a commitment in the industry to work towards a new era and the Government had been encouraged by the way productivity and overall performance had risen since the end of the strike.

The future meant facing up to problems and having the will to solve them. The Government was committed to a successful coal industry.

In the long term good wages, secure jobs and a proper level of investment could not be guaranteed in a permanently loss-making industry. For the sake of everyone and the industry itself, the Government was committed to a successful coal industry.

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Minister wants more private capital for home improvements

HOUSING

An attack by an Opposition spokesman on the Government's attitude towards home improvement and repair grants was rejected by Sir George Young, an Under Secretary of State for the Environment, during question time in the Commons.

The minister had said that responsibility for administering the improvement grant system rested with local authorities and that his department did not collate information such as that requested by Mr John Fraser, Opposition spokesman on the environment, on the grant approval practices of individual authorities.

Mr Fraser said this showed how little interest the Government seemed to have in repairs.

Only a small number of local authorities were dealing with new applications for improvement and repair grants following the cuts in housing investment programmes and the freezing of capital receipts, he said.

After the pre-election boom in improvement grants (he continued) we have hundreds of thousands, many of them poor, who are disillusioned because they cannot get repairs done as they cannot get local authority help.

If ministers in the Department of the Environment are to prove themselves as more than Treasury errand boys, he said, they should say when there will be a resumption of a reasonable level in repair grants.

Sir George Young said local authorities were pledged by law to process mandatory grants and to award them. In Lambeth, discretionary grants were being considered by the local authority. This year improvement grants expenditure was likely to be much more than the £90m spent when Labour was last in office.

Mr H. Cohen (Leyton, Lab) said many in his constituency had been thwarted in their need to stop dilapidation. Would the Government confess that its policy was that good housing was expendable?

Sir George Young said the Government made available to Waltham Forest an allocation for housing, and it was up to the council to decide how much would go on improvement grants and how much on other aspects of housing policy.

We have made it clear (he continued) that we hope they will give priority to improvement grants to those on low incomes, the disabled and those living in substandard housing.

Spending on improvement grants, Sir George Young told Mr Michael Meadowcroft (Leeds West, L) that the 1981 English house condition survey estimated that 1.1 million homes in England were unfit for human habitation. An

updated estimate would be given in the 1986 survey.

Mr Christopher Smith (Bristol South and Finsbury, Lab) said Sir George Young not agree that the Government's response to the deteriorating housing and the major problem of defective housing had been to cut local authority housing investment programmes over the last five years and prevent them from using their own capital receipts?

This demonstrates yet again the Government's commitment to the badly housed in this country, Sir George Young said it was Government policy to involve the private sector as well as the public sector. A large amount of money had been spent on the vigorous sale of council homes.

I have to repeat (he went on) that the answer to poor housing conditions does not rest solely on more public money.

Mr Nicholas Winterston (Macclesfield, C) said Sir George Young not accept it is far cheaper to improve a house than to knock it down and build another.

Mr Winterston said the Government had taken place the social problems resulting have far outweighed the saving on improvement grants which I believe are good for the community, good for the people, good for the first-time buyer and in good for the country and good value for money (Labourite).

Sir George Young: If Mr Winterston re-reads the Green Paper on improvement grants that we published a few weeks ago he will share his commitment to maintain the condition of the housing stock and to do more to engage resources from the private sector as well as the public sector.

Mr Harry Cowans, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, said Sir George Young not deeply ashamed to stand at the Dispatch Box and tell this country that more money is being spent on housing than in a million houses are in a tolerable condition at a time when he is cutting not only improvement grants but the financial wherewithal to solve the problem?

It is not entirely obvious to him even at this stage that his policies have failed? Will he not go back to the drawing board for the people who live in these houses? If he does not he is condemning them for a long time to conditions which the minister himself would not live in, or tolerate.

Sir George Young: It is not the case that there are more and more unfit houses. I have outlined fresh initiatives and look forward to learning Mr Cowans's response to them.

Mr John Maples (Leisham, West, C) There are a substantial number of empty dwellings previously privately rented, particularly in London. If these could be brought back into use they would go a long way to solving the housing problem. The best way to do this is to revive the private rented sector.

Mr Jenkins: I agree with much of what he said. To restore the private rented sector so it can play a proper part in housing the people of this country requires the confidence of landlords and it is quite clear whatever proposal we would introduce this side of the next election would inevitably face the negative threat of repeal by the Labour Party, which is why it is more sensible to consider legislation before the next election.

Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington, C) The Rent Acts, by causing housing shortages, have been responsible for more misery and unhappiness in this country than almost any other social legislation. Is it not shameful of the Government to abandon the cause of the repeal of the Rent Acts?

Mr Jenkins: I can assure him that the Government have no such thing. We share his view there is a very important role to be played by the private rented sector, but if this is going to be done it has to be done by the confidence of the landlords, those who would build and let, and this is unlikely to happen as a result of any legislation passed before the next election. That is why we have decided to postpone it.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) The Minister for Housing (Mr Gov) has suffered a bitter political disappointment where his plan to abolish the Rent Acts and rent regulations have been vetoed by the Commons. One notices he has not resigned.

It will come as a considerable relief for so many private tenants in London and elsewhere there is to be no abolition of security of tenure and rent regulations which, if it did come

about, would bring about the same misery as the 1957 Tory Rent Act. Mr Jenkins: He is quite wrong. There was never any proposal to abolish rent control for sitting tenants.

Mr Francis Maude (North Warwickshire, C): There will be widespread disappointment at his announcement today. A lot of people feel the problems of homelessness can be largely met by liberalising the Rent Acts to bring about the occupation of large quantities of empty housing that exists.

Mr Jenkins: I am sure he is right, but I think if landlords are going to be persuaded after legislation to let their empty property they have to have confidence they would be able to regain possession. With the threats we have always had from Opposition that any legislation would be repealed, there does not seem to be a great deal of sense in introducing legislation at this point.

He added that the number of empty properties in the public sector had become a major scandal.

Mr Jack Straw, an Opposition spokesman on the Environment, was glad to have the confidence of the Secretary of State that he would be able to bring about a change after the next election. One reason for that is because we put above the interests of the profits of the landlords the security of the tenants.

If we have de-control again on new tenancies or existing tenancies it will lead to any increase in rent accommodation being built, a decrease, with hardship and homelessness.

Mr Jenkins: He does not understand what he is talking about. As a landlord more likely to bring pressure on a tenant to vacate the premises if the tenant is paying a low, protected rent, or if the tenant is paying a market rent, if there were de-control of new lettings, with tenants paying market rents, that would restore some balance.

Applause leads to woman being ejected

An elderly lady was ejected from the public gallery after applauding the introduction of a Bill abolishing standing charges for pensioners for gas and electricity.

The Pensioners' Heating and Communications Bill, introduced by Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Barnsley, Lab), would also guarantee pensioners against having gas or electricity supplies cut off and abolish their telephone rentals.

Mr Corbyn said the Bill would end the fear many old people felt now as they tried to meet last winter's fuel bills and the trepidation they felt in moving towards next winter.

Deaths of old people were greater by 22 per cent during the winter months than in the summer because they could not cope with the cold. Unfortunately, because of the high cost of standing charges, many old people did not heat their homes in winter.

The cost of standing charges varied, but, adding up that for gas, electricity and telephone rental, it could easily amount to between £20 and £40 per quarter for pensioners on low incomes. It was a scandalous amount.

Public funds should be used to ensure that there was no further increase in gas and electricity prices for anybody else because of the abolition of standing charges for pensioners. Any examination of the results of both fuel boards in the past year showed they could well afford it.

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Training 'discouraged'

YOUNG PEOPLE

Some Labour education authorities were criticized by a minister to the Commons on Tuesday night for failing to take part in training schemes for young people.

Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Employment, said the non-cooperating Labour authorities tended to be left-wing. He was said that some "knockers" discouraged youngsters from joining the youth training scheme.

Mr Barry Sheerman, Opposition spokesman on youth, said training schemes for young people were being undermined by the non-cooperating Labour authorities. He said that some "knockers" discouraged youngsters from joining the youth training scheme.

He moved an Opposition motion that the Government had failed to foster conditions for opportunity, choice and participation for young people and had contributed to their desperate plight by failing to operate policies to assist them in securing work, housing, income and social security.

He said the Government saw youth as an embarrassment and a liability. In the crisis of youth unemployment, ministers had, he said, blamed the blame on young people.

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Methodist report urges resignation of Masons and lodge meetings ban

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Methodist Conference is to be asked next month to adopt a recommendation that church members should not become Freemasons. Those who are will be asked to resign or at least to be asked to leave the church. The conference will also be asked to ban lodge meetings on church premises.

The report of the Methodist Church's Faith and Order Committee, published today, was anticipated by a statement from the grand secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, Commander Michael Higham. He appealed to the conference to reject the committee's report because of its illogicality and lack of evidence.

At its meeting yesterday, the Grand Lodge, whose master is the Duke of Kent, agreed a new policy, statement on the relationship between Masonry and religion. That asserted that Freemasonry is not a religion nor a substitute for religion and it encouraged members to follow their own faiths.

The Methodist report alleges that "although Masonry claims to be a religion or a religious movement, its rituals contain religious practices and carry religious overtones. It is clear that Freemasonry may compete strongly with Christianity. There is a great danger that the Christian who becomes a Freemason will find himself compromising his Christian

beliefs or his allegiance to Christ, perhaps without realizing what he is doing."

It points out, however, that many loyal and sincere Methodists are Masons, and they see no incompatibility. After considering their position, the report suggests that Methodists should resign or at least publicly admit to membership "to remove suspicion and mistrust."

The general secretary of the Methodist Conference, the Rev Brian Beck, said he did not know how many Methodists were Masons, but had the impression Masonry was stronger in Methodism in previous generations.

He said the committee had tried to answer the questions: "What does it mean? Is it just a simple ceremony which are nice or is it intended to be a formulation about the universe and if so can it be squared with the Christian position?"

He added: "My personal answer would be no."

Yesterday's policy statement from the Grand Lodge bears the marks of having been drafted against the Methodist report, though the report is not mentioned.

The statement declares: "Freemasonry lacks the basic elements of religion; it has no dogma or theology (and by forbidding religious discussion at its meetings will not allow a Masonic dogma to develop); it

offers no sacraments; it does not claim to lead to salvation, by works, secret knowledge, or any other means (the secrets of Freemasonry are concerned with modes of recognition, not with salvation.)"

The Methodist report states that the most serious theological objection "lies in the name given to the Supreme Being in the rituals of the Royal Arch Degree." One secret revealed to members reaching this degree is that the name of the Supreme Being is "JAHBULON", which the report goes on to claim is a composite word taken from the word for God in three different religions. (The third syllable was mistakenly assumed to be so.)

"The whole word is thus an example of syncretism, an attempt to unite different religions in one, which Christians cannot accept. We note that some Christians who are Freemasons withdraw from any ceremonies in which this word is used."

The Grand Lodge statement replies: "The names used for the Supreme Being enable men of different faiths to join in prayer (to God as they see him) without the terms of the prayer causing dissension among them. There is no Masonic God; a Freemason remains committed to the God of the religion he professes."

Lord keeps 'jingle' royalties

Lord David Dundas, son of Lord Zetland, has won a High Court battle, yesterday for the rights to the four-note Channel 4 theme music. He also keeps £1,000 a week in royalties.

A synthesizer player, Mr Clive Lawson, had claimed he was entitled to a half share. He and Lord David had collaborated on "jingles" for merchandise including Yves St Laurent products and Persil washing powder.

Mr Lawson, of Hampstead north London, said that in 1982 Lord David, of Mayfair, approached him for help in producing the Channel 4 theme.

Two versions with synthesizer backing were rejected, and Lord David produced an orchestral version which was accepted.

Mr Justice Falconer ruled that the simple harmony was the work of Lord David, after listening to several versions of the theme.

Libel damages for chocolate makers

London Weekend Television agreed in the High Court yesterday to pay undisclosed libel damages after references were made to "Daintee chocolates" in a comedy series.

The Blackpool-based Daintee Chocolate Confectionery Company sued LWT after its chocolates were unintentionally referred to in an episode of *Life and My Girl*. Mr Patrick Milmo, QC, counsel for Daintee Chocolates told Mr Justice Peter Pain that characters in the programme had made "colourful and highly disparaging" comments about the product, implying that it was of low quality and disgusting to eat.

Even allowing for the fact that the programme was fictional, many viewers would have understood that observations were being made that were extremely damaging and a gross misdescription of the product.

Mr Stephen Suttie, for LWT, said he wished to emphasize that the name was intended to be fictional and was an "entirely involuntary reference and very much regretted". The damages are to be paid to a charity by the chocolate company.

Education director resigns

By Our Education Correspondent

The director of education of Newham, in east London, rumoured to have been offered a six-figure sum to resign, is to leave his job which he has held for 10 years by mutual consent next September.

Mr James Palling, aged 47, is understood to have received more than £25,000 in compensation.

Last month, the Labour-controlled council passed a vote of no confidence in Mr Palling, and said it would be in the council's interests for him to resign. The reason was concern about management and criticism.

However, it is believed the concerns were more political and centred on such items as Mr Palling's attempt to discipline members of the National Union of Teachers who took unofficial strike action.

Program developed to cut fuel bills

By Bill Johnston

Technology Correspondent

A computer program developed by British Gas has been adapted to enable consumers to calculate quickly the benefits of central heating and insulation.

The Richmond-based computer company Hewlett Packard has developed the software for use in a hand-held computer which can work out potential energy savings.

Mr Geoffrey Varrall, managing director of the computer group said: "No one has been able to quantify the cost benefits in money terms before. The idea of the program is to be more specific."

By punching in the dimensions, the size and fabric of the walls, the type of heating and insulation used, and the location of the property, the computer works out how optimum fuel economies can be made.

A company spokesman said: "The original form of this program has already been used successfully for a number of years. For around £300, we can give you a package that can point the way to dramatic savings, either for existing buildings or those under construction." Letter, page 11

£121,000 for wrong conviction

A man who spent 15 years in jail for a murder he did not commit has accepted £121,000 compensation from the Home Office.

Mr Geoffrey Davis, aged 38, of Chesterfield, was convicted of murdering a woman aged 83 from Macclesfield in 1968, largely on the evidence of the discredited forensic scientist Dr Alan Clift, and was freed by the Court of Appeal last July.

Faster ferry

Sealink British Ferries has ordered a second Australian-built £1.8 million 30-knot catamaran for the route between Portsmouth and Ryde, Isle of Wight, which will halve the 25-minute voyage.

Student loan inquiry faces costs problem

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, is to meet the Chancellor of the Exchequer shortly to discuss his inquiry into student loans.

It is understood the investigation being undertaken into student support is taking longer than expected and has run into the problem of the high cost of introducing a loans scheme.

It is now accepted the parental contribution, the amount parents pay towards a student's upkeep, would have to be abolished if a loans scheme were introduced.

That means all students who got a place in higher education would be entitled to a loan for the cost of their board and lodging, and the parental contribution would be converted into a government-funded loan.

That would inevitably mean a much higher charge to the public purse than the present mixed grant and parental contribution system - at least until graduates began to repay their loans. It would be a good deal more than the £25 million

Carrington wants arms cooperation

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Lord Carrington, Secretary General of NATO, yesterday accused Britain of "chauvinism and complacency" over the development of advanced weapon systems.

Speaking to the Press Association in London, he said that Britain must realize that tomorrow's weapons were an extremely demanding area of high technology, in which the countries of Western Europe had to combine if they wanted to remain relevant.

This meant producing equipment which at least matched that to the Warsaw Pact, at a price at which governments could afford. This was a field in which Britain was pretty near the top of the Western European league.

"Unfortunately, we are in much the same place when it comes to chauvinism and complacency. How on earth do we think that we are going to stay in the big league without investing big league money in research and development?" he said.

He welcomed the efforts being made by Mr Michael Heseltine, the Secretary of State for Defence, to encourage arms co-operation, but said he would like to see even more effort.

It was sensible for nations to look after their own industries. "But looking after national industries does not mean focusing only on the next two or three years," he said.

Innovation to replace Family Income Supplement

Credit system should ease effects of poverty trap

The proposed Family Credit looks likely to ease the worst of the poverty trap, but may possibly put more people in it. NICHOLAS TIMMONS reports.

Family Credit is one of the most innovative of the Government's proposals. It will work to all ease the poverty trap by withdrawing benefit on extra earnings, after tax and national insurance is paid. It will not be calculated on gross pay as with Family Income Supplement, the benefit it is to replace.

Thus a family in low-paid work and paying taxes which earns an extra £1 will first lose tax and national insurance - 39p at present.

If Family Credit is then withdrawn on a 50 per cent taper - the figure used for FIS, which will only apply to the remaining 61p, leaving 30.5p. Housing benefit is then

withdrawn, on a 70 per cent taper, for example, it will only be taken from the remaining 30.5p, leaving 9p.

The attraction of the scheme is that no matter how high the rates of withdrawal (the tapers) are set, no one can lose more than £1 for each extra £1 earned - as happens now to 70,000 families - because the percentage taper is applied only to what remains after previous withdrawals.

The Government has thus legitimately claim that it will "eliminate the worst effects of the poverty trap".

But how many will gain from the Government's proposals, and how much? The short answer is that nobody knows, because the Government is not providing figures.

At present 210,000 families claim Family Income Supplement - only half of those entitled to it. The Government

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Numbers in poverty trap 1984.	
Losses for extra £1 earned	Numbers of families
50p to 75p	90,000
75p to £1	140,000
More than £1	70,000
Total	300,000

hopes that more people will take up the new benefit. And unlike FIS there will be apparently no ceiling on how much large families can receive from the benefit.

How much people will gain is also unclear as figures have not been given for either the level of benefit, or the rate at which it will be withdrawn.

But the speculation is that the taper will be 50 or 60 per cent, while most commentators are assuming from the Green Paper that the housing benefit taper will be about 70 per cent. If so, no one in the poverty trap will lose more than £1 for each extra £1 earned, but large numbers will lose 91p or 93p in the £1.

Many more will lose at those high rates than at present, unless housing benefit cuts take large numbers in this income group off housing benefit.

The reason is that some people currently in the less severe part of the poverty trap - those who only pay tax and national insurance and receive housing benefit - will in future also qualify for Family Credit.

At present these people lose 77p in the £1 in taxes and housing benefit as their income rises. Putting them in to Family Credit, on the above assumption,

tions, will increase their rate of loss to more than 90p. But the extra benefit from Family Credit will still leave them better off.

The effect of the Government's reform therefore appears to be that 70,000 families losing 108p at present look set to lose about 90p in the £1, a significant improvement. Many more families, however, are likely to be put in the position where their losses are about 90p.

That is the price for giving more generous but still means-tested help to the low-paid with families, without either extending means-testing far higher up the income scale, or providing more by a big increase in child benefit, for example. Doubling that would cost about £3,500 million, giving most of the money to better off families.

Tomorrow: The critics

Ely plan waits on Jenkin

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, has intervened in the controversial plan to build 63 retirement homes on a two and a half acres of land next to Ely Cathedral in Cambridgeshire (Charles Knevitt writes).

Gorbachov could make Russia work

From Richard Owen, Moscow

In a considered response to Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's marathon onslaught on Russia's economic problems, Western observers said yesterday Mr Gorbachov was emulating his mentor, the late Yuri Andropov, in trying to move beyond the overblown antiquated Soviet system, rather than radically restructuring it.

But Mr Gorbachov and other protégés of Mr Andropov in the Politburo have a much greater chance of succeeding, provided momentum can be maintained up to the party congress next February and beyond.

Resistance to change would come from entrenched bureaucrats of the kind that flourished under Brezhnev and Chernenko, sources said.

In his address to a party conference on science and technology, broadcast at length on television and spread over two pages of *Pravda* yesterday, Mr Gorbachov made it clear that central planning and control would remain in force, with no concessions to private enterprise of the kind encouraged in Hungary or China. But he delivered a merciless critique of waste, shoddy Russian products and manufactures, and the failure to keep pace with modern technology by re-equipping factories.

Mr Gorbachov deplored the fact that, although Russia was the world's largest steel producer, it had to import metal because its own products were so poor. He proposed a new structure for industry reminiscent of Khrushchev - style reforms - in which enterprises would answer to intermediate bodies, leaving thinned-down ministries and Gosplan (the planning agency) to concentrate on strategic planning rather than getting bogged down in factory-level minutiae.

He outlined a shift in capital investment to new technology rather than construction projects, which he said had been a mistake of the past.

It is a portrait of a man of humanity and wisdom, a biographical tribute reminiscent of films about Lenin, as if to suggest that Andropov's role at a turning point in Soviet history can in some ways be compared to that of the revered founder of the Soviet state.

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Dublin protest

Dublin (Reuters) - The Irish Foreign Minister, Mr Peter Barry, has postponed a visit to Poland because he has been refused permission to meet Solidarity representatives.

Tibet prepares for anniversary

Dalai Lama mission ban

From Mary Lee, Lhasa

The exiled Dalai Lama of Tibet will not be allowed to send a fact-finding mission to his homeland this year, according to a Chinese official in Lhasa.

Mr Xu Hongsen, the deputy director of the United Front Work Department of the Tibet Autonomous Region told visiting correspondents: "We are too busy preparing for the 20th anniversary (on September 1) of Tibet's formal incorporation into the People's Republic as an autonomous region."

The United Front - which operates under the slogan "Unity of the Motherland" - is the Chinese Communist Party's organization which co-opts non-communists to support the ruling party's policy. Mr Xu, however, said that the Dalai Lama's delegation will be allowed to visit other provinces.

According to the deputy mayor of Lhasa, Mr Tai Changshu, the 20th anniversary celebrations will be attended by a vice-premier and party leader from Peking. The Panchen Lama, who now serves as a Tibetan figurehead in Peking in his capacity as vice-Chairman of the National Peoples Congress is also expected to attend.

The authorities in Tibet have been busy for the past year preparing for this anniversary, in particular, preparing the damage which two and a half decades of Chinese rule has wreaked on the economically backward and Buddhist cultural and social heritage.

Forty-three projects costing a total of 400 million yuan, were implemented after a conference on the region's development was held in Peking in 1984.

According to deputy mayor Tai most of the 24 projects in Lhasa itself will be completed in time for the anniversary.

The Dalai Lama, who has lived in exile in India since fleeing Tibet after a revolt by his supporters against Chinese rule in 1959, is still regarded as the "god-king" among Tibet's nearly two million devout Buddhists.

The Chinese communists now acknowledge that "mistakes were made" in their policies towards Tibet since 1959 and especially during the cultural revolution of 1967-76.

They say, however, "let bygones be bygones" but have issued stern warnings regularly against an independent movement in Tibet.

Hong Kong retreats on press Bill

Hong Kong (Reuters) - The Hong Kong Government bowed to public pressure yesterday and scrapped proposed legislation denounced as an attempt to muzzle the press and stifle dissent in the run-up to the colony's return to China.

Under the Legislative Council Powers and Privileges Bill, anyone who defamed the council or reported its closed sessions could be jailed for up to three years. The Chief Secretary, Mr David Akers-Jones, said the clauses would be dropped. Other ways to safeguard secret information would be considered, but the Bill would go ahead.

Lawyers, pressure groups, journalists and students had said the legislation threatened freedom and that it was being rushed through by British officials before the colony reverted to China in 1997.

The Bill seeks to pave the way for a new style of Legislative Council in September which will include elected members for the first time. The Government has pledged to make the administration more representative before 1997.

The Asia editor of *Fortune* magazine, Mr Louis Kraar, said the Bill could damage press freedom. By restricting the free flow of information, Hong Kong could become a backwater.

It was the second time a proposed law had run into fierce resistance from a wary public since the agreement to hand Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty was signed last year.

In May, the Government was forced to abandon legislation to replace a jury with three adjudicators in complex commercial cases. The Attorney-General, Mr Michael Thomas, said the proposals had touched a raw nerve of anxiety over the future of the territory.

Briton gets better deal after Lagos jail fast

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Graham Coveyduck, a Briton who has been in jail in Nigeria for nine months, has ended a two-week hunger strike after an improvement in his conditions.

This was confirmed by his wife Jean at their Hampshire home yesterday on the eve of today's trial of two other Britons, accused by Lagos police of stealing an aircraft. They are Mr Angus Patterson and Mr Kenneth Clarke, both of Aberdeenshire.

Mr Coveyduck was arrested in September originally on a charge of trying to extort money from the Nigerian Government. It was dropped in March, since when he has been held on a state security order.

Mrs Coveyduck said her husband, a businessman, ended his hunger strike after being promised a better diet and being supplied with a mattress and medical facilities. Mosquito nets have also been delivered to the prison, which was another of his demands. He has had malaria.

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Reagan adopts conciliatory approach to the Sandinistas

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan has abruptly dropped his aggressive anti-Nicaraguan language in favour of a conciliatory message to Congress in which he promised to consider direct peace talks with the Sandinistas.

"My Administration is determined to pursue a political, not military solution in Central America," he said.

Ortega offers to lift emergency

President Ortega of Nicaragua has offered to lift the three-year-old state of emergency in his country if the United States halts its efforts to aid anti-Sandinista guerrillas and resumes talks with the Nicaraguan Government (the New York Times reports from Managua).

Speaking at a public meeting in Managua on Monday night, he said the Reagan Administration should call a "cease-fire", stop seeking to finance the rebel force and renew direct talks with Nicaragua.

If these steps halt the counter-revolutionary military action, President Ortega said, that would begin creating a climate in which all laws of exception that affect the people of Nicaragua could be lifted.

Sandinista leaders have previously urged the Reagan Administration to stop backing the insurgents.

The aim of the message was to coax Congress into approving a resumption of funds for the anti-Sandinista guerrillas. Fears that Mr Reagan's ultimate objective is the military overthrow of the Managua Government have prompted Congress to curtail his support of the rebel army, which is under siege from a determined new offensive by the Sandinista Army.

Wave of enthusiasm for Gandhi in US

From Michael Rinyon, Washington

In a colourful ceremony on the White House lawn, broadcast live to millions of viewers in India, President Reagan yesterday welcomed Mr Rajiv Gandhi on his official visit here, telling the Indian Prime Minister of the depth and vitality of their countries' relationship and their commitment to democracy, freedom and dignity.

President Reagan said the US was dedicated to India's unity and opposed those who would undermine it. He respected India's non-alignment and its "pivotal role" in South Asia, and said that despite disagreements there was growing enthusiasm in the US for India. He and his country had been struck by Mr Gandhi, found his idealism inspiring and his efforts to invigorate the economy impressive.

Celebrating their joint democratic ideals of "free people, free minds, free markets", Mr Reagan said he was optimistic about their future relations.

Mr Gandhi, who began talks with his host immediately afterwards amid extremely tight security, paid tribute to America's vigour and achievements. Quoting both Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln, he said it was the task of both countries to overcome divisions in this "hate-filled, violence-prone world". The inevitability of coexistence had to impel them towards co-operation.

The visit, coming only a few weeks after Mr Gandhi's trip to Moscow, is seen here as an unusually important chance to improve the somewhat brittle relations that have often been marked by suspicion and misunderstanding. While frankly acknowledging differences on American support for Pakistan, especially arms supplies, and on the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Washington sees a chance to redress what was seen as Mrs Indira Gandhi's tilt towards Moscow.

■ Sikh protest Mr Gandhi faced hundreds of Sikh demonstrators calling for him to put an end to "Sikh genocide" in India.

Death ends coma of Karen Quinlan

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Ten years and two months after she fell into an irreversible coma, Karen Ann Quinlan, the centre of argument over the right to die, was finally overwhelmed by an infection.

Her parents had decided that no extraordinary measures should be taken to save her. Her mother was by her side as she died in a New Jersey nursing home on Tuesday, aged 31.

Miss Quinlan was the subject of a landmark decision by the New Jersey Supreme Court in March 1976, which held that her interests in having life support systems disconnected exceeded the state's interest in preserving life.

The court suggested that doctors could use his guideline, based on interpretation of the right of privacy, in future cases. The decision meant that doctors could allow terminally ill and brain-dead patients to die by withdrawing extraordinary measures to keep them alive.

Miss Quinlan's brain function was destroyed after she fell into a coma at a party, having drunk three glasses at a time when she had also taken tranquillizers.

Because her condition was hopeless her parents eventually asked doctors to switch off a respirator. When the doctors refused, Mr and Mrs Quinlan sought a court order, asking that their daughter be allowed to die "with grace and dignity". But a court-appointed guardian said that switching off the respirator would be murder, or mercy killing, forbidden by law and medical ethics.

When the judge refused to allow the respirator to be removed the Quinlans turned to the state Supreme Court. This ruled that Mr Quinlan was Karen's guardian, not the court, and that he should decide her fate. The court said: "There comes a point when the individual's rights overcome the state's interests".

This famous decision became the basis of debate and legal actions in other states over definitions of life and death.

In the event, Miss Quinlan survived after the removal of the respirator. She was fed through a tube. The state Supreme Court ruled this year that all life-preserving treatments, including feeding tubes, could be withdrawn from the terminally ill. But the Quinlans always drew a distinction between the respirator and the feeding tube, saying that the respirator had caused their daughter pain and the tube did not.

In asking for removal of the respirator they had "asked for the right to place her in God's hands". Had they asked for the removal of the tube, they said, they knew what would happen.

Increasingly, their daughter suffered lung infections, and the Quinlans asked that these should be treated, without treatment.

Mr Quinlan visited her every day, and her mother visited two or three times a week. They talked to her, brushed her hair and held her as she lay drawn up in a foetal position, unresponsive.



Herr Hans-Eberhard Klein, the West German prosecutor, tells the press the search for Mengele will continue despite his family's claim that he is dead.

The last waltz with Mengele?

São Paulo (AFP) - The man believed to be Josef Mengele told a farm worker only a few hours before drowning on February 7 1979: "My life is finished".

The employee, Senhora Lues Melchior, said "Sen Pedro", as all the workers knew him, was very depressed and often asked her to keep him company while watching television plays.

Brazilian police are examining a body, buried in the name of Wolfgang Gerhard, to discover whether it is that of Mengele. His son Rolf Mengele, a lawyer in Freiburg,

West Germany, formally stated yesterday that the remains were his father's.

Other workers agreed with Senhora Melchior that "Sen Pedro" was a taciturn loner who never spoke about his past life.

Senhora Elza Golpiano, who worked at one of a series of farms outside São Paulo where "Sen Pedro" lived, said he was a "very nice man" who sometimes invited her out to a restaurant and once gave her a gold bracelet.

"Sen Pedro" used to invite Elza and a gardener, Senhor

Luis Rodrigues, to listen to classical music with him. "Sometimes he even waltzed with me," Senhora Golpiano recalled.

"When I told him that I was leaving to get married, he started to cry," she added. She described him physically as "having problems with his legs, and one of his arms was half paralysed". Senhora Golpiano never suspected that her boss could be the much wanted "Angel of Death" at the Auschwitz Nazi extermination camp.

She remembered that he "kissed blacks", and, according to him, slavery should never have been abolished. She said that "one day he said he was in love, but he never said with whom". Mengele was divorced from his wife, Irene.

The gardener said that "Sen Pedro" liked to do farm work, but when vaccinating cattle used to complain about pains in his left arm.

All his workers agreed that "Sen Pedro" never liked people visiting him and that he never received any direct mail. Letters were brought to him by Senhor Wolfgang Bessert, who with his wife Liselotte, appears to have protected Mengele.

Mengele apparently kept all his secrets in a locked room in his bedroom. This description of Mengele in the last period of his life



Police photograph of Wolfgang Gerhard: Was he Mengele?

does not tie in with evidence given by Senhor Gitta Stammer, who says she helped hide him for over 10 years. She told police that he was an arrogant and aggressive man, although able to be charming in front of guests.

Senhora Stammer allowed him to stay in a farm north of here until 1978. She said that he would never let himself be photographed, and the only pictures she has produced of him show only his back. He loved animals, she recalled.

Why did she never report him to the police? Because the real Wolfgang Gerhard, who introduced us, warned us not to

Family safe under the law

Mengele's family cannot, under West German law, be prosecuted for any help they may have given him while he was a fugitive in South America, Herr Hans-Eberhard Klein, of the Frankfurt public prosecutors' office, said yesterday. (Frank Johnson writes from Bonn)

The Mengele family has offered to help identification of the corpse exhumed in Brazil. Herr Klein said: "We have accepted their offer, and will approach the family through their lawyer, but until we have 10 per cent evidence that Mengele is dead the search for him will go on". The Frankfurt office issued an arrest warrant for Mengele in 1959.

● SAO PAULO: Forensic scientists here say they have detected damage in the pelvic bone of the body exhumed last week, evidence of a break (Patrick Knight writes).

Mengele once fractured his pelvis, as well as a finger of his right hand, facts which could help.

But rivalry between the two São Paulo police forces, the Federal, responsible to Brasília, leading the inquiry, and the forensic, responsible to the state governor, are complicating investigations. The two are not collaborating, and Mengele's 1934 dental records sent from Germany, have yet to be given to the forensic scientists.

Gossip causes US envoy in Austria to quit

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Mrs Helene von Damme, the US Ambassador to Austria, has announced that she is to leave her post because of persistent gossip about her divorce from her third husband earlier this year and her remarriage to Herr Peter Guertler, owner and manager of Vienna's historic hotel Sacher.

In a letter to President Reagan Mrs von Damme, an emigre from Austria in the 1950s, said there were "voices that continue to assert a conflict of interest between my professional responsibilities and my personal situation."

Massive spending to come

Lange criticizes defence neglect

From W. P. Reeves, Wellington

The Government has said it cannot identify a potential enemy or perceive any immediate military threat to New Zealand. Given the condition of the country's armed forces and the state of relations with its once principle defence ally, the United States, it is probably just as well.

Announcing an interim boost of 19 million New Zealand dollars (about £7 million) to the annual NZ \$800 million defence budget recently, Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, said the Army had only two days' stock of ammunition. He blamed the run-down state of the armed forces on the "scandalous neglect" of the previous administration.

The additional defence spending foresees heavier outlays after an assessment the Government expects to have completed by early next year. Mr Lange already has spoken of "massive capital expenditures in the years to come". A programme costing NZ \$140 million to modernize the Air Force's 22 Skyhawks has already been approved. The Navy will need to replace some of its four frigates and find a supply ship, while the Army wants updated equipment. Part of the newly committed NZ \$19 million will be spent on establishing a rapid deployment battalion.

A defence review was forced on the Government by the row with the Americans over the ban on nuclear ship visits, during which Washington declared the Anzus alliance linking the US, Australia and New Zealand inoperative. For more than 30 years the alliance has been the cornerstone of New Zealand's defence.

To show their displeasure, the Americans have withheld intelligence and cancelled joint exercises.

Mr Lange insists that Anzus survives. It is important for domestic political reasons that he does so. While there was

always considerable endorsement of an anti-nuclear ship policy in principle, many New Zealanders would be unwilling to uphold it if the cost was the severance of the Anzus connection.

What is judged here as Washington's over-reaction has undoubtedly helped the Government. Still, it is necessary for Mr Lange to avoid appearing anti-American.

The Government plainly hopes relations will improve enough to permit New Zealand to plan its defence again within the Anzus framework.

Mr Frank O'Flynn, Defence Minister, forces a "long period of what the Americans call a 'stand-off', but such diplomatic language has forced the Prime Minister to discipline him in the post."

Mr O'Flynn's recent speculation that the New Zealand battalion stationed in Singapore might be pulled back to northern Australia brought a sharp rebuke from the Prime Minister and an assurance to Singapore that the battalion would remain as long as it was welcome.

Though not a member of Anzus, Singapore feels its New Zealand connection indirectly brings it within the shelter of the alliance. Mr Lange may also have realized that a retreat from Singapore might be misread as an indication New Zealand was sliding into neutralism.

Meanwhile, Australia has filled some of the gaps created by the Anzus breakdown by agreeing to supply separate flow of military intelligence and to conduct bilateral defence exercises.

New Zealand will not be represented at the Anzus council meeting in Australia next month because it was not invited. Even so the Government remains hopeful. It has delayed promised legislation to formalize its anti-nuclear ship policy, not least in order to avoid upsetting the Americans further.

Trade with Mexico given boost

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Details of multi-million pound deals between British companies and Mexico will be announced today at the end of the three-day state visit to Britain by President Miguel de la Madrid.

News that a number of agreements had been completed was released in Whitehall as the Mexican President was leaving Downing Street after discussing his country's economic recovery programme with Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

Details were being kept secret last night, mainly, it is thought, to allow the President to end his state visit with a flourish. But the deals are said to involve electrical, engineering, chemical and transport projects, and to include companies such as GKN, ICI and Acorn computers.

The Government is reported to have agreed export credit guarantees worth £80 million to help to promote Anglo-Mexican trade, while the business contracts are worth at least as much again.

Mexico still has a foreign debt of nearly \$100,000 million (£80,000) and an inflation rate of over 50 per cent, despite steady progress by the present Government in its fight to bring back economic solvency.

Given his interest in economic matters and trade, today - the last full day of his visit - could be the most important, it will include, lunch with the Governor of the Bank of England and a speech to the Confederation of British Industry.

Last night President de la Madrid attended a banquet in his honour at Guildhall.

Airline accord

Washington (Reuters) - United Airlines and its striking pilots reached a tentative agreement to end a walkout that began on May 17, the US National Mediation Board said.

Britain snubbed on Bosphorus bridge

Tokyo (AP) - A Japanese consortium has rejected a British request that its firms be allowed to take part in a \$551 million project to build a second bridge over the Bosphorus Straits, an official said yesterday.

Harima Heavy Industries, one of three Japanese companies involved in the consortium, said the British consortium led by Trafalgar House Investment would be informed by letter.

The Japanese grouping, along with a Turkish-Italian consortium, signed a contract on May

11 with Turkey to build the 88 mile bridge to link Asia to Europe over the Bosphorus Straits in Istanbul.

The British consortium and Mrs Margaret Thatcher protested at the awarding of the contract to the Japanese,

Six Iranian cities feel Iraq's bombers

Baghdad (AP) - Iraq said its warplanes yesterday attacked six Iranian border cities, three army camps, and a radio communications station along the border.

It also claimed to have hit an unidentified ship near Kharg Island oil terminal.

Cairo orders security alert

Cairo (Reuters) - Security forces have been put on the alert to crush any disturbances, after a warning of plans to foment unrest.

The warning, in an Interior Ministry statement, comes ahead of a planned march by Muslim fundamentalists to the Presidential palace tomorrow to demand the immediate introduction of Sharia law in Egypt.

Spying charge

Visby, Sweden (AFP) - An East German nuclear physicist, Stefan Frauenthor, was arrested in East Germany last November on charges of spying for Bonn, Professor John Sharpey-Shafer, of Liverpool University, disclosed at a scientific conference here.

Iberia's loss

Madrid (Reuters) - Spain's state airline Iberia lost 40,000 potential passengers in April because of fears over air safety, Señor Pedro Tena, director general of civil aviation, told MPs. There have been three major air crashes in Spain since November 1983.

Computer plot

San Jose, California (Reuters) - Marino Pradetto president of PBN Electronics in West Germany, a Hainan businessman and two Americans have been indicted on charges of conspiring to ship an advanced US computer to Czechoslovakia.

Forger's appeal

Hamburg (AP) - Herr Kurt Groenewald asked at Hitler diaries fraud trial yesterday for the acquittal of his client, Konrad Kujan, the Nazi memorabilia collector who has admitted forging the 62 volumes.

Pay freeze plea

Washington (Reuters) - UPI has asked its 900 Wire Service Guild employees to continue until the end of the year a 10 per cent wage reduction as part of efforts to restore the news agency to profitability.

Robot surgeon

Moscow (AFP) - Japanese, Finnish and Soviet scientists are working together to build a robot capable of carrying out eye operations, a scientific conference was told here, Tass reports.

Minister sacked

Bucharest (AFP) - A Romanian chemical industry Deputy Minister Mr Gheorghe Sava, has been dismissed on charges of fraud involving \$445,000, the daily newspaper *Schietia* reported.

City in jungle

Panama City (Reuters) - British and Panamanian archaeologists say they have found the remains of a Spanish-built 16th-century city in the Panamanian jungle near the Colombian border.

Von Bulow plan

New York (AP) - Claus von Bulow, acquitted this week on charges of trying to kill his wife, said in an interview here he plans to visit the comatose woman as a gesture of love and does not intend to divorce her.

Troops home

Fort Bragg, North Carolina (AP) - The last contingent of 18th Airborne Corps troops assigned to Grenada have returned here, marking the end of any major US military presence on the island.

Storms kill 27

Delhi (Reuters) - At least 27 people were killed in storms and heavy rain in northern and central India, wrecking homes and uprooting trees and electricity poles, the Press Trust of India said.

Chinese dates

Peking (Reuters) - China's President Li Xianmin will pay state visits to Canada and the United States next month.

High-toe boots

Moscow (Reuters) - Boots with high heels attached at the toe, part of a consignment sent to shops, were put on display at an exhibition of defective goods in the Ukraine aimed at shaming manufacturers into improving efficiency.

Death for spying demanded

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Reagan Administration, stunned by the ease with which the Walker spy ring allegedly supplied secrets to the Soviet Union for many years, is clamping down on the number of people who have access to secret information. It wants the introduction of the death penalty for espionage.

Mr John Lehman, the Navy Secretary, will ask Congress to approve random lie-detector tests on Government officials - a proposal that will bring loud protests from civil liberties groups.

According to Pentagon officials, the Walker spy ring - allegedly headed by a retired chief warrant officer, Mr John Walker - enabled the Soviet Union to break the code on some of the navy's most secret messages to its warships in the 1960s.

Admiral James Watkins, the Chief of Naval Operations, said in a preliminary assessment that the damage from the Walker spy ring was "very serious" but "not catastrophic".

The Administration believes the death penalty for espionage would be an effective deterrent in an area where most spying in the US is carried out for money, not ideology. The present maximum penalty is life imprisonment, but parole is frequently granted after ten years. The Administration wants parole abolished.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, has ordered an immediate 10 per cent reduction in the 4.5 million military and civilian personnel cleared to see secret information.



Harry Belafonte, the singer Marion Jackson and the producer Ken Kragen at Addis Ababa airport yesterday with drugs that form part of 60 tons of aid for famine victims, funded through their record "We Are the World".

Purged writers driving taxis

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

News desks, abandoned like the Marie Celeste. Half empty coffee mugs next to redundant typewriters. Editors' offices deserted, not just at lunchtime. Distinguished commentators frequently granted after ten years. The Administration wants parole abolished.

For the first time the official Polish press has disclosed the full scope of the 1982 purge of journalists. After General Wojciech Jaruzelski imposed martial law in the winter of 1981-82, journalists were politically vetted and many were

either dismissed or moved to sports and show business columns. Until now, the full body count has remained a matter of speculation.

The weekly *Przegląd Tygodniowy*, in an article designed to show that the press is again alive and well, reveals that 302 journalists were sacked from the official press, including no fewer than 60 editors-in-chief, 78 deputy editors-in-chief and 57 managing editors. Some 180 journalists were allowed to keep their jobs but were moved to fringe journals, such as the journal of the blind and the

fishermen's journal, outside the main state publishing company.

In Polish radio and television, 227 journalists were dismissed, including 15 editors-in-chief, six deputy editors and a managing editor. Fourteen journalists were dismissed from the PAP news agency. In all, several hundred reporters and editors, most of them suspected of having Solidarity sympathies, were weeded out of the official press world. Twenty-one periodicals were closed down, though some new papers including Catholic organs, have been brought into existence.

Soares commits Portugal to Europe with his coalition about to fall

From Richard Wick, Lisbon

Dr Mario Soares, the Portuguese Prime Minister, committed his country's future to the European Community yesterday when he signed the treaty of accession in the presence of the assembled premiers and foreign ministers of the Ten.

But he did so in the knowledge that his coalition Government must fall today when the Social Democrats finally pull out, leaving Portugal in political crisis and in desperate need of firm government over the coming months to prepare for entry into the Community next January 1.

It all gave the elaborate ceremony an air of unreality, which Dr Soares tried to dispel. It was the culmination of a task he has stubbornly pursued for eight years. "We have succeeded," he said. "We are no longer on our own. We will not lack European solidarity."

To fact, Portugal's economic spokesmen have expressed doubts about the wisdom of accession, and the political crisis had been postponed only to avoid spoiling the great day. The Portuguese awoke their distinguished guests early for a morning signing of the single

HOW MEMBERS OF THE ENLARGED EEC COMPARE

	Population (1980)	GDP (1980)	Unemployment (%)	Consumer Price Index (1980=100)	Agriculture (%)	Employment (1980)	1982 Car production (1,000)
Belgium	9,858	11,126	14.4	134.0	3.0	31.2	65.8
Denmark	5,118	15,020	10.0	109.8	8.5	28.0	246.2
West Germany	61,638	10,633	8.4	118.4	5.6	42.0	52.4
France	54,216	3,505	10.2	214.5	30.1	33.3	41.4
Ireland	3,482	5,120	18.5	149.3	20.1	28.8	3,086.2
Italy	56,540	6,208	11.9	174.3	12.4	36.0	1,297.4
Luxembourg	366	8,721	1.7	136.7	4.7	35.7	59.5
Netherlands	14,213	11,190	14.4	119.6	5.1	27.9	67.1
UK	56,341	3,072	11.9	133.4	2.7	35.6	687.7
Spain	37,935	4,237	20.8	183.5	18.0	33.5	827.5
Portugal	9,597	2,055	10.7	238.4	23.6	35.7	40.7

Sources: EEC and OECD



The Portuguese Prime Minister Dr Mario Soares, flanked by the Spanish Prime Minister, Señor Felipe Gonzalez (left) and the Foreign Minister, Señor Fernando Morán, before the accession ceremony in Lisbon.

Cuba rejects early Angola withdrawal

From Zoriana Pysarivsky, New York

Cuba, which is estimated to have some 30,000 troops in Angola, categorically ruled out the possibility that its forces would be withdrawn before Namibian independence and effectively reduced hopes that American efforts to find a compromise between the Luanda and Pretoria positions on Namibia would prove successful.

Instead, a statement before the United Nations Security Council which is debating Namibia, Cuba threatened massive assistance to Swapo (the South-West Africa People's Organization) to reignite the armed struggle within the territory if Washington continued to insist on Cuban withdrawal from Angola as part of a package deal leading to Namibia's independence.

The remarks were an about face from earlier Cuban pronouncements which, however polemical, left the door open for some kind of accommodation with Pretoria. For the US, a Namibia settlement was to have been a vindication of the Reagan Administration's policy of ending the Vietnam war.

According to diplomatic observers, South Africa's mid last month into Angola's northern coastal enclave of Cabinda ostensibly seeking out African National Congress (ANC) training grounds convinced Luanda that, instead of seeking peaceful coexistence, Pretoria was intent on destabilizing Angola.

In addition to Namibian independence, Señor Isidoro Malmierca, the Cuban Foreign Minister, told the Security Council that his Government was demanding the total withdrawal of South African troops from Angola and an end to the guerrillas led by Dr Jonas Savimbi who are fighting the Luanda Government. Only then, Señor Malmierca said, would Cuba consider the possibility of reducing the number of Cuban troops in Angola.

The exchange of spies took place on the border between West Berlin and East Germany, not as stated in yesterday's report.

Mr Salvador Laurel signals his victory in the first round of the process to find a united opposition candidate to oppose President Marcos.

Coloured MP badly injured in Cape grenade attack

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Granades were thrown into the homes of two Coloured MPs near Cape Town early yesterday, seriously wounding one of them, a deputy minister-designate.

Meanwhile, in Johannesburg, black officials and community leaders claimed to have evidence of a plot by a group of whites to kill or kidnap Bishop Desmond Tutu, winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize, and 13 other prominent anti-apartheid figures.

The Rev Frank Chikane, a leading member of the anti-apartheid United Democratic Front and who is facing treason charges, said at a press conference that unidentified whites had hired about 30 blacks as a hit squad.

The MP injured in the Cape attack is Mr Luwellyn Landers, a senior figure in the Labour Party, which commands an overwhelming majority in the Coloured (mixed-race) chamber of South Africa's parliament of whites, Coloureds and Indians.

In a recent reshuffle, he was appointed Deputy Minister for Population Development. At the same time, an Indian MP, Mr Soobramoney Naicker, was

being rejected by the majority of our people. Our demand is one country, one parliament. Forward to the People's Freedom Charter."

Participation in the new parliament was widely opposed within the Coloured community when elections were held in August. The reference to the Freedom Charter could suggest links with the ANC and the UDF, which is not banned. Both subscribe to it as their political manifesto.

Mr Landers and his wife were in bed in their modest home in the Coloured suburb of Mitchell's Plain when the attack occurred. He was lying with his back to the window through which the grenade was thrown, and was sprayed with shrapnel.

He was taken to Groote Schuur hospital for emergency surgery. At yesterday's press conference on the alleged plot against Bishop Tutu, Mr Chikane alleged that, according to the information unearthed, the kidnappings or killings had been due to begin last night and to continue at the rate of four a day until next Sunday, the anniversary of the start of the 1976 Soweto riots.

The caller read a statement: "Our demand is that all MPs in the parliament must resign because this fraudulent deal is

Six parties contest Zimbabwe elections

From Jan Raail, Harare

With six political parties fielding 257 candidates in the elections for Zimbabwe's black electorate, the 19-day official campaign has begun.

For his candidates, Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, has retained all the Zanu (PF) members in the Cabinet and the deputy ministers, with the exception of Mr Taisayi Ziyambi, a Minister of State.

The Zanu (PF) Director of Elections, Dr Herbert Ushewokunze, told reporters this week that Mr Ziyambi and two other party officials had been stripped of their candidatures. Investigations were proceeding to determine their part in the misuse of £30,000 worth of party campaign funds.

For the rest of his line up, Mr Mugabe has dropped 11 MPs chosen in the haste of the 1980 election, and replaced them with men and women whose political capabilities the party has been able to gauge at length during the past five years.

Zanu, the opposition party of Mr Joshua Nkomo, has fielded candidates in 80 constituencies to ensure that Zanu (PF) acquires no uncontested seats. However, Zanu has pulled nearly all its political heavyweights, including Mr Nkomo, into the party's heartland, Matabeleland, where they will be less at risk to the Zanu (PF) political machine.

In Matabeleland Zanu (PF) has listed candidates who pose a serious threat in at least three of the 15 Matabeleland constituencies.

Mr Enos Nkala, the lone Ndebele in Mr Mugabe's Politburo, is to stand in the Filabusi constituency, his home area.

In the seat of Binga, the home of the primitive Tooga people in the remote north of the country, Zanu (PF) is fielding a popular local administrator, himself a Tooga.

To Beit Bridge, dominated by the Venda-speaking people, a group very distinct from the Ndebele, Zanu (PF) has chosen Mr John Mbedzi. The United African National Council of Bishop Muzorewa, the former Prime Minister, has dotted its 54 candidates over most of the country.

Agca says he plotted other deaths

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The court trying eight Bulgarians and Turks accused of taking part in a conspiracy to murder the Pope was told yesterday of other alleged assassination plots.

Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish terrorist who shot and wounded the Pope on May 13, 1981, said he had gone to Tunisia on the instructions of a member of the Bulgarian Embassy in Rome to prepare the joint assassination of President Bourguiba of Tunisia and Mr Dom Mintoff, then Prime Minister of Malta. This was before the attack on the Pope.

The project was abandoned when his contact in Tunis told him that the Tunisian police had found out about the project. Mueb the same occurred in January 1981 when Mr Lech Walesa, leader of the Polish free trade union Solidarity was in Rome to meet the Pope. According to Agca, he and the Bulgarians had decided to blow up Mr Walesa with a car bomb. But the Bulgarians told him to give up the idea as the Italian secret service had discovered the plan.

They then had to wait to attack the Pope until the spring, when he resumed his outdoor audiences. Two days before he shot the Pope, Agca said that he was told by the Bulgarians that the French and Romanian secret services had found out what they were proposing to do. "If we don't move quickly", he was told, "it will be too late". The Pope was seriously wounded in the attack and Agca was immediately arrested.

● Turk arrested: Samet Arslan, aged 24, a Turk arrested at the Dutch border with a loaded gun during the Pope's visit last month has been sentenced to three months imprisonment (Reuters reports).

Ex-prisoner tells of beatings in East

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

One of the 23 prisoners of the Eastern bloc exchanged for four Communist spies on Tuesday has appeared on West German television to say that he was ill-treated by the East Germans.

Herr Gerhard Suss, aged 36, said: "I was kicked and punched in the face and also dragged." He had been imprisoned for 13 years after being accused of spying, but served only 20 months before becoming part of the exchange.

The beatings, he said, were administered at a "secret house" on the outskirts of Berlin used by MFS, the Ministry for State Security. The television interview, conducted at the refugee reception centre at Giessen in Hesse, suggested that the prisoners who have arrived through the exchange will become a valuable source of information about conditions in East German prisons, particularly as they effect "spies", East Ger-

many have been successful at ensuring that not much is known about this subject in the West. All the East's prisoners were serving sentences for spying. West German sources said in Bonn. They are all at the refugee transit camp at Giessen. Part of the agreement was that their families would shortly be allowed to leave to join them.

● WASHINGTON: An Administration official commented that Tuesday's swap was a major accomplishment - "that was six for one and it should not be minimised". He said the US would continue its efforts to obtain the release of Soviet dissidents, Dr Anatoly Shebaransky and Dr Andrei Sakharov. The exchange of spies took place on the border between West Berlin and East Germany, not as stated in yesterday's report.



Mr Salvador Laurel signals his victory in the first round of the process to find a united opposition candidate to oppose President Marcos.

Military parade backs up Marcos threat to rebels

From Keith Dalton, Manila

A rare military parade of tanks, fighter planes and combat troops yesterday followed an independence day speech by President Ferdinand Marcos who warned he would not hesitate to use the military against anti-Government forces.

"It is time that we convey a message to the demagogues who preach violence without understanding what they are up against," Mr Marcos said moments before more than 40 tanks, armoured personnel vehicles and eight battalions of troops filed past a grandstand where Mr Marcos sat with his wife, Imelda, Cabinet Ministers and foreign ambassadors.

"We will continue to emphasize a policy of utmost tolerance and reconciliation but let no one ever imagine that the national leadership will hesitate to use this power of our armed forces when the danger to the nation demands it," Mr Marcos said.

Overhead more than 100 helicopters, jet fighters and air force transport planes flew in formation over across Manila Bay in the first major display of military might since Mr Marcos martial law in 1972. A day earlier Mr Marcos had warned that he would not hesitate to reimpose martial law, which he lifted in 1981, if street violence broke out in the capital.

After the military march past, thousands of government workers, students and street sweepers, who were driven to the mid-city park in convoys of government buses and rubbish lorries, joined the two-hour parade.

Earlier in the day, the country's largest opposition alliance, the United Nationalist Democratic organization chose Mr Salvador Laurel as its candidate to challenge Mr Marcos in presidential elections in 1987.

Mr Laurel, aged 56, was elected by 15,000 delegates and supporters in the biggest opposition convention in more than a decade.

Thailand tries to beat back Vietnam troops

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

Fighting has been going on for five days between Thai forces and about 400 Vietnamese soldiers who crossed into Thailand's north-eastern province in pursuit of Cambodian guerrillas.

A Thai military spokesman said the Vietnamese were resisting attacks by Thai infantry, artillery and aircraft trying to force them back across the border.

Thai officials said yesterday that there had been almost 100 similar incursions in the past seven months.

There is no news of casualties in the latest incident and little other detail about the fighting. A delegate of the international committee of the Red Cross said it began less than two miles from a refugee camp housing 30,000 Cambodian refugees. They had ood fled deeper into Thailand.

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Uncle Sam's high-flying hawk

The Times Profile:
General Vernon Walters

The new British-educated, US ambassador to the United Nations, has never pretended that modesty is one of his virtues. "I have been moving around this world for the last 40 years and I have come to know an awful lot of people," General Vernon Walters remarked, sprawling on a couch in his equally new State Department office.

The three-star general is proud of the company he has kept on behalf of five American presidents during the last four decades. Presidents and Prime Ministers, dictators and democrats, generals and guerrillas, he seems to have met them all and has anecdotes in abundance to tell them. Most he met privately as he moved around from capital to capital as a kind of unannounced global trouble-shooter. During the last four years alone he has travelled more than a million miles as President Reagan's "Ambassador at large", visiting 108 countries (he has their flags on a shelf in his office to prove it). Never were any of his missions announced in advance. Most were not even reported after his return, although some, such as his role during the Falklands war, filtered out after a while.

Walters' long history of secret diplomacy, his military background and his stint as one of the United States master spies (he was deputy-director of the CIA under President Nixon) have given him the reputation of being an American James Bond. Tass once reported his appointment as military attaché at the US Embassy in Paris with the words "the arch spy takes his post".

Walters quite enjoys the Bond comparison except that "it has no connection with reality. I mean, we and the Soviets don't go around killing one another, nor do the British". However, there was something rather James Bondish about the way he handled Henry Kissinger in and out of Paris for secret contacts with the North Vietnamese before the Vietnam Peace Conference.

Now that he is emerging into the limelight, General Walters tries to play down his past in intelligence. "This idea that I have always lurked in the shadows is bunk", he said, pointing out that he wrote a book, *Silent Missions*, in 1978, laying out his life for public scrutiny. "I have overheard around the world wearing a false beard, not travelled under a false name."

Walters' friendship with people in high places will hold him in good stead at the United Nations, where who you know is often as important as what you know. So will his skills as a linguist. He speaks seven foreign languages - Russian, French, German, Dutch, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese - and, whenever possible, he intends to speak to his UN counterparts in their own tongue.

His linguistic gifts propelled Walters into prominence at an early stage. In 1942, as a young American subaltern with a knowledge of French, he became involved in the North African talks that led to Admiral Darlan bringing his French Forces over to the Allied side. He also gave a tank ride to a 13-year-old Moroccan

prince, later to become King Hassan II. Later he interpreted for generals, Secretaries of State and Presidents, notably President Eisenhower, who took Walters with him on all of his foreign trips.

"A Spaniard once said to me: 'The gift of tongues is the gift of the Holy Ghost. How generous he has been to you!' I replied: 'But you must understand that being a just God he has compensated by giving me deficiencies in other areas'. He shrugged his shoulders and broke into a broad grin when asked what they were."

Some of his critics claim that Walters has remained essentially a multi-lingual messenger throughout his career and has never been involved in the formulation of policy. Although he makes no claims to be an intellectual of the stature of his controversial predecessor, Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, he disputes suggestions that he does not have the wit or the experience to make major policy judgments.

"I do not feel awestruck or intimidated at all in taking this job", he said. The fact that his nomination was supported by such political rivals as Kirkpatrick and George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and was unanimously confirmed by the Senate, suggests that his reservations about his abilities are not widely shared.

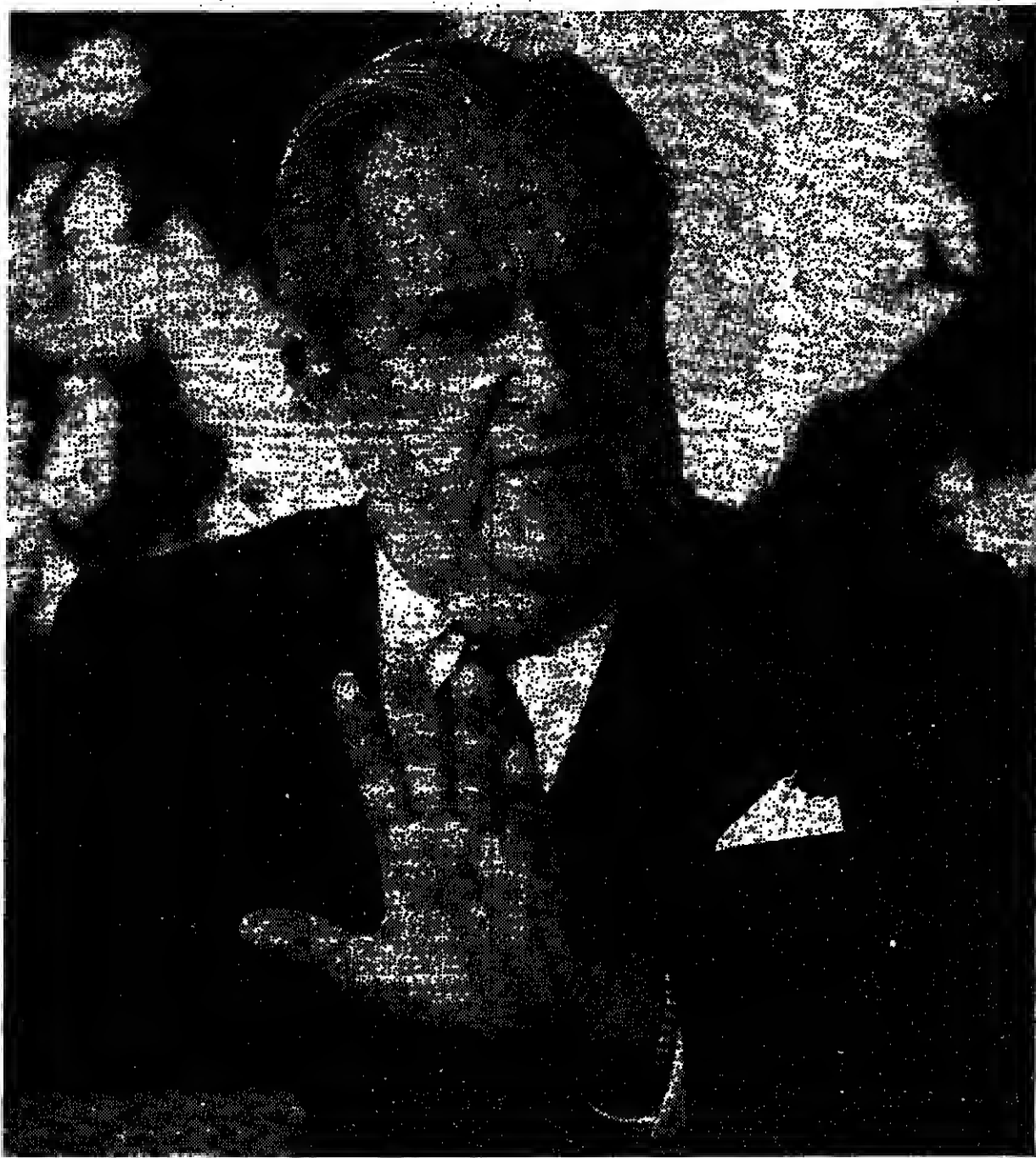
Although his diplomatic style will differ, Walters intends to follow in Mrs Kirkpatrick's footsteps at the UN by refusing to tolerate unfair criticism of the United States. "I want to get the United Nations back to being what it was originally supposed to be, an institution for the resolution of conflict, not an institution for lynching the US by resolution."

Walters is scathingly critical of Congressional opposition to the administration's clandestine attempts to help the Nicaraguan rebels, which he attributes to a "deep-seated guilt feeling" that pervades American life. "The media here has fostered this feeling of American guilt. If there is an earthquake in Java, someone will ask: 'Was it the CIA or did the Defence Department do it?'"

Politically, Walters describes himself as being right of centre, ideologically on the same wavelength as Mrs Kirkpatrick. He is a large, swashbuckling figure whose girth betrays a passion for chocolates (but who neither drinks nor smokes), and he admits happily to being an unabashed American flag-waver. His view of the world is determined by his belief that "the US is the last and best hope for mankind".

He is anti-Communist because "I think the expansionist form of Communism, this messianic determination to spread liberation to everybody, is a great danger to human freedom, but I am certainly not a McCarthyite". He also describes himself as a pragmatist, which means being prepared to talk to one's foes.

Walters, a devout Catholic, says he invariably finds himself discussing his religious beliefs whenever he meets Communist officials in private. He recalls that on one occasion Fidel Castro joked that he and Walters had one thing in common - they were



General Walters, a skilled linguist, has earned a reputation as a global trouble-shooter

BIOGRAPHY

1917: Born in New York.
1939-44: Attended Stonyhurst College, England.
1944: Enlisted in US Army.
1942-45: Served in North Africa and Italy.
1945-48: Military Attaché in Brazil.
1950: Accompanied Averell Harriman to Korea.
1951: Assisted Harriman in US mediation attempts between Britain and Iran.

1951-56: Assistant to the deputy Chief of Staff at SHAPE, Paris.
1956-60: Staff Assistant to President Eisenhower.
1967: Served in Vietnam.
1967-72: US Military Attaché in Paris.
1972-76: Deputy Director of the CIA.
1976-80: Established private consultancy.
1980-85: President Reagan's "Ambassador at large".
1985: Appointed US Ambassador to the United Nations.

Falklands in 1982; he accompanied Alexander Haig, the then Secretary of State, on his abortive attempt to mediate between London and Buenos Aires. After President Galtieri's spurned Haig's attempts to negotiate a settlement, he sent Walters back for one last effort to persuade the Argentines to withdraw.

"I told him that the Argentines would lose if there was fighting. He asked why I said that. I replied: 'There is a professional army, in which almost everybody had been shot at in Northern Ireland. They've seen hand grenades go off, they're used to the rattle of machine-gun fire. You have conscripts in the Falklands who have never had anything unpleasant happen to them.'"

During the hostilities between Britain and Argentina over the

Despite his red, white and blue Americanism, Walters' father was British and whenever Walters is in London he always stops at Harrods or Selfridge's to buy clotted cream and scones. Until his recent death, he used to visit his elderly Aunt Ethel. Once during the height of the IRA bombing campaign, when he was Number Two at the CIA, he took her for lunch at a fashionable London restaurant.

During the meal the head waiter came over to inform them that there was a bomb scare and they must leave the restaurant. "Are they after you?" asked Aunt Ethel, adding that she would not leave until she had finished her fish. Then the manager came over and said they must leave as the restaurant had just received a two-minute warning.

"I stood up and said: 'Aunt, we are leaving.' She picked up her glass of wine and said: 'Well, I may have to leave my fish, but I'll be damned if I have to leave my wine' - and she walked out to the street carrying the glass. If you ask me whether or not I am proud of my British heritage, that answers the question."

Nicholas Ashford

On the mat with the black belts

Second Dan judo fighter Philip Nickson tackles the terrors of training in Japan

The dream of a judo pilgrimage to Japan is harboured by just about every one of the 150,000 adults and children who do judo regularly in Britain. After eight years of practice, it was my dream also. But the 12 hours flight to Tokyo gave me enough time, or too much time, to mull over the parting words of Neil Adams, our most successful judo champion.

"In ordinary life, the Japanese are among the most humble and generous people in the world, but on the judo mat, they are merciless," Adams had said. "Never forget that you are British, not Japanese, and you don't have to put up with being ground into the mat after three hours of non-stop practice, or strangled unconscious, revived, and strangled unconscious again as they tried to do to me when I first went."

On the flight, my mental tape recorder also replayed a comment made by Katsuhiko Kashiwazaki, the 1981 featherweight world champion and five times All-Japan champion, who had taught at my club - London's The Budokwai - for a year. It was to his university, the newly-founded International Budo University (IBU), that I was now heading for a month's stay.

While in London, I had asked him about the Japanese reputation for strangling opponents unconscious, and how his arm had been broken three times in training. His reply, I recalled distinctly, was succinct: "People don't submit much in Japan."

However, buoyed up by the fact that there hadn't been any recent reports of British deaths on Japanese judo mats, I looked forward with interest to my first practice in the beautiful 400-mat dojo (practice hall) at the university. I was not unduly deterred, on entering, to find 150 young and fit Japanese black belts eyeing me hungrily - I mean, eagerly, I was the only male Westerner not only in the dojo but in the 25,000 population of the neighbouring town, the fishing port of Katsura.

After all, I had the comforting knowledge of having practised with some of the world's best fighters at the Budokwai. And I knew that the purpose of the IBU, founded by Shigeo Matsui, President of the International Judo Federation, was to incorporate some Western ideas in the training, rather than simply extend the uncompromising traditional approach to Japanese judo.

You wouldn't believe the cauliflower ears

My memory of the next three hours, and the next three weeks for that matter, cannot be recalled within the normal framework of chronology. All the common distinctions of success and failure, fast and slow, and particularly, pain and pleasure were suspended or warped or both. There was just an endless succession of bodies to fight big, small, medium, tall and thin, wide and squat.

I soon learnt that it wasn't the big ones I found difficult to handle, even though the 265lb benign-looking whale could dart into a throw with blinding speed. No, it was the little ones, the fierce 140lb fighters who, fearing nothing, tore my fingers from their jackets until they bled, ran me round the mat until I could no longer see, let alone breathe, and then threw me. I would rather not disclose what they did to me on the ground.

I found out, in later travels, that you can tell the good ground-work dojos from the ears of the inhabitants. You wouldn't believe the cauliflower ears I have seen at the IBU: there are long angular ones, short stubby ones, angry bumpy ones, moulded by hours of hard fighting and few submissions. Most of them would find a place in Western medical books.

Meanwhile the practices continued. From 7am to 8am we would run around the hills of Katsura, come rain or shine, tearing up the 60 steps of the

Shinto shrine, two by two, then one step at a time, then two again, then with a partner on one's back. Each day, Kashiwazaki (teacher) or his colleague, Nakanishi-sensei (world lightweight champion, 1983) would devise new and unexpected diversions, like sprints in the loose sand on the beach or an early morning swim in the April-cold sea.

The afternoon practices were best described as relentless. They started at 3pm and continued to 6pm, and often later, and we were expected to stay on for an indefinite period for extra practice. One class lasted, I remember dimly, more than four hours, with most of the time spent fighting. No less than 16 times the great drum in the corner boomed, announcing the change for a new partner which meant another five minutes of fierce throwing. Then 12 times the drum called for changes for the five-minute ground-work practice.

For the first few days they watched the *gajin*, the foreigner, assessing his strengths, working out the best way to dispatch him. I felt I was



walking around the *dojo*, in a theatre spotlight. This was training, I told myself. It didn't matter whether I was thrown or whether I threw, and I tried to cultivate the lofty-spiritual attitude of equanimity.

I had a depressing shock after about three weeks when, glancing through my *Benitz Japanese for Travellers*, I came upon the medical section. It gave the translation for "Doctor, could you have a look at this blister, boil, bruise, burn, cut, sting, swelling, wound... I can't move it, it hurts" and I realized that it could qualify for the lot.

It was then that I decided to stop worrying and enjoy myself. Kneeling in formal posture (Japanese formality was having its effect on me), I vowed to regard all future discomforts as mere apparitions and, miraculously, within a day (or so) I was arising in the morning without pain. I was able to think clearly and learn that by controlling my partner, here or there, I could sweep him off his feet more effectively; or that by tangling my legs in a more relaxed manner I could avoid being mangled on the ground.

By now, the sea of impenetrable faces and cauliflower ears had broken up into individuals. There was Oshio, the grumpy samurai fighter who was always the first on the mat and the last to leave; Hamana, known as Crazy Hamana because he would travel the whole *dojo* in a non-stop flurry of attacks; and Nakagawa-san, the team captain with an incisive throwing skill that few could resist; and little Kubota who bounced me from pillar to post even though he weighed about 45lb less.

Before I left, I asked Kashiwazaki-sensei again about strangling people unconscious which I saw happen at the IBU occasionally. He said: "Most of the time, you must tap, you must submit. But there are occasions, when you are practising with a rival, or a teacher, and you have been caught in a strangle and you do not want to submit. You have been beaten technically. But you must show that you have only lost through a technical inadequacy which, in time, you will overcome. You must stare deep into the eyes of your opponent and show him that your spirit has not been crushed. And you stare until everything goes black."

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An art eclipsed by surreal antics



Art matter: 'Anatomy of Space' by Reuben Mednikoff

Melly initiated an elaborate ceremony in which heavy-handed chance caused the derobing of his sagging corpulence, and staring on pearly was Eileen Agar's *Ceremonial Hat*, a wonderful concoction of flowers and fishbones, to be worn while eating bouillabaisse.

Surrealist antics frequently eclipsed Surrealist art and 1936 was no exception. The press had a field day. André Breton appeared in green, his wife with hair dyed to match. Dali made a speech wearing a diving suit.

"Lord Berners was given the task of ordering the suit for Dali," Maddox recalls. "He rang up this firm and the man asked how deep he wanted to

go. As deep as the subconscious, Berners replied. 'Well, he'll need a very strong one,' replied the man. They bolted this thing on poor Dali's head and afterwards they couldn't find a spanner. Dali was collapsing inside, the sweat pouring off him. Of course no one had heard a word of his speech.

"When we found out how they were conspiring the group to represent England, one was highly suspicious - we felt they were rather scraping the barrel. In Hampstead there was the poet of artists like Ben Nicholson, Barbara Hepworth, and Paul Nash and so on who were all involved. It was after Mondrian had been in London

and they were all very much influenced by him. In some cases they literally just grafted a bit of Surrealism on to their abstraction to make it acceptable for the show. The moment it was over they reverted.

"My feeling is the English never really made any study of Surrealism. I don't think they understood the basic theory behind it. English Surrealism never really had the power of the French. You couldn't put anyone up against Ernst or Dali or Masson. Henry Moore wasn't really interested, and at the time we published in the catalogue of the International Surrealist Exhibition in Paris in 1947, Moore was among those we excommunicated - for making images of the Madonna and Child. The nice thing was to stir things up against people we didn't like.

Politically, the group was far less active than its French counterpart and never aligned with one party. "In '38 Breton went to Mexico and sided with Trotsky and Diego Rivera.

"During the war Henry Moore, Penrose, Dylan Thomas - all that pub crowd - used to drink in The Swiss in Old Compton Street - until it was bombed. All that was left standing were the men's urinals. "After '47 the group split up again - people went their own way. Herbert Read talked a lot about why the English group didn't survive and argued it was because we were all individuals and couldn't form a unity like the French. That's not really true. The real problem was there was no really powerful figure like Breton in France. People tried but it just didn't work. It comes back to the fact the English never really were committed Surrealists."

Jane Withers

A Salute to British Surrealism 1930 - 1950 at Bond Fine Art, 22 Princess Street, London W1 until June 22. Favara Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Hull, July 5 to Aug 4.

BOOKS

Life of the old pro of thrills

James Fenton on the memoirs of a popular novelist

HERE LIES ERIC AMBLER
An Autobiography
By Eric Ambler
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £10.95

Ambler "could no longer find any worth a second reading."

It was the villains who bothered me most. Power-crazed or coldly sane, master criminals or old-fashioned professional devils, I no longer believed a word of them. Nor did I believe in their passions for evil and plots against civilization. As for their world conspiracies, they appeared to me no more substantial than toy balloons, over-inflated and ready to burst at the touch, with odd characters rattling about inside like dried peas.

Mr Ambler may have made a shaky start in his efforts to rectify this state of affairs, but there is something impressive in his choice of villainy for *The Dark Frontier*. He knew a bit about the structure of the atom, deduced that an atomic bomb could be made, and that its possessor would have overwhelming political power. He guessed all this in 1935, but made, as he acknowledges, one mistake - he believed that the atom bomb could be constructed "in a single laboratory by a team of Russian scientists."

Instead of staying with *Exilax*, Mr Ambler decided to revamp the image of the thriller. This was in the 1930s. There were ingenious and highbrow authors at work on the detective story, including Dorothy Sayers (also in advertising), but the thriller was a despised form. Mr



The old master of intrigue comes out of his covers

After the first book had appeared, a friend asked Mr Ambler what his literary models were. His reply included Pirandello, Stevenson, Gogol, and James Joyce. The friend said: "Try Somerset Maugham," - meaning the Maugham of *Ashenden* - and continued, "Never read very good writers when you are trying yourself to write good trash. You'll only get depressed. So Mr Ambler read Maugham and Compton Mackenzie, and went on, in the pre-war years, to write the five classic thrillers that established his reputation. Whether "good trash" is a useful way of describing what he was producing in *Uncommon Danger*, *Epitaph for a Spy*, *Cause for Alarm*, *The Mask of Dimitrios*, and *Journey into Fear* I rather doubt. Popular writing does not have to be trash; and indeed what makes people sit up when they come across an Ambler or an (early) Le Carré is precisely the feeling that this is not trash. Still, the friend's advice appears to have concentrated Mr Ambler's attention on his duties as a storyteller. It is this gift that is so admirably on display once again in this autobiography.

The book opens with Ambler at the wheel of a new car which he has managed to drive off the Swiss autobahn into a ditch. He is admitted into hospital and diagnosed as suffering from a touch of amnesia, but such is his fear of hospitals he tries to cover up the language and memory difficulties by having in order to get himself discharged. The way the story unfolds gives one a charming insight into an old man's cunning in the face of a doctor. As the memory is restored, Mr Ambler recalls what it was that he was thinking about in the minutes before his accident: he had been contemplating the horrors of an American promotional tour.

The real reason for my not wanting to do the tour again would be too difficult to explain, too difficult in New York anyway. There, publishers are understanding about physical infirmities but easily lose patience with behavioural quirks and frailties. The quirk was my

belief, long held but still firm, that the best and by far the safest place for readers and writers to meet was on the printed page.

It is not so much the professional interviewers, Mr Ambler, as I recall very well, is a professional himself at being interviewed. I've never known anybody make the job so easy and pleasant. What gets him down, though, is pressure from the "local wisecracks, rogue literati and aha instant analysts", the people who buttonhole him at bookstore events. He identifies two kinds:

Those who read novels but disapprove in their hearts of the habit, and those who saw novel-reading as a game in which the reader is challenged to find the real live person hiding behind the portrait on the jacket.

To say to the latter type that his novels are not autobiographical is to invite balking, disappointed looks. After a while, on the grueling tour he describes, he had resorted to telling people about his forthcoming, brutally frank autobiography which would answer all the questions. And yet, "I knew that I could never do it. Only an idiot believes that he can write the truth about himself."

To what extent we are to believe that Mr Ambler is not telling the truth about himself here, is hard to tell. He sounds very convincing to me. He has his chosen areas of reticence, of course, but the general approach is anti-pretentious and sardonic. There is a fine evocation of the world of musical entertainment in which he grew up. He has forgotten nothing, it appears, of his experiences as an engineer (he has the knack of talking shop and making himself interesting). Working in films during the war, he goes to Italy with John Huston; his brief description of a battlefield is one of the best things in the book. We end with the return to novel-writing after the war, but there seems to be plenty more left over for volume two. I hope he writes it. This book is a good read.

Chilled vintage old Ambler

Tim Heald

THE LEVANTER
By Eric Ambler
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £8.95
DOCTOR FRIGO
By Eric Ambler
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £8.95

These two prize-winning Amblers - the '72 and '74 vintage - are showing extraordinarily well. I think some of the earlier years are exhibiting signs of age but these, nine Middle Eastern and the other Central American, have all the characteristic firmness and precision of the best Ambler, while at the same time being tropical and convincing about international politics, assassination techniques, and the intricacies of both manufacture and diagnostic medicine. Unlike cruder practitioners he can convey menace and fear without lading on the gore. His villains - El Lobo an overgrown, dissolute child with the "small contemplative eyes of an extremely dangerous fish" is wonderfully revolting, the Arab terrorist Salah Ghaled even more so. His hero figures are a bit bloodless, and it's not easy to admire or even like either the Levantine Michael Howell or Dr Castillo, the son of a murdered banana republic despot. Both books are intricate and elegant. If there is one aspect that dates them, but which I like them for more than anything, it is their extreme fastidiousness. Definitely worth reading now but likely, I would guess, to retain their appeal for at least another decade.

Up at the bar of history

Peter Martin

EASING THE PASSING
The Trial of Dr John Bodkin Adams
By Patrick Devlin
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400 murders, fell on him when he tried to cash a Mrs Hullett's cheque for £1,000 hours before her death in 1956 from an overdose. Investigation by the "publicizing" "Duke" Hamilton, "Hannan of the Yard", resulted, after highly prejudicial committal proceedings, in a first indictment for the murder of a different patient who had died more than six years previously, Mrs Morrell; and not for the murder of Mrs Hullett whose apparent suicide had prompted the notion that Dr Adams was doing more than just "easing the passing" of some of his old patients, the murder of Mrs Hullett was kept in reserve.

The prosecution case depended on massive prescriptions of opiates in the last days before death, and relied for motive on an insignificant legacy. Geoffrey Lawrence QC, a pleader in the clever and industrious category, based his defence on nursing records, undiscovered by the prosecution, showing less drugs to have been injected than prescribed. The medical experts

disagreed on the lethality of both prescribed and injected doses. Dr Adams was acquitted of murdering Mrs Morrell but, perversely, the Attorney-General neither proceeded with nor withdrew the second indictment, so leaving Dr Adams free, but with his good name never to be restored.

In those days the Attorney-General had a well-recognized version to the office of Lord Chief Justice. The non-political cotender, need you ask, Lord Goddard's favourite, Devlin. The battleground of choice? Dr Adams's trial. Mannington-Buller believed Devlin had robbed him of victory by his summing-up and counter-attacked, ponderously, in a Commons debate on, of all things, the conduct of Dr Banda, our recent state guest, in pre-independence Nyasaland. Devlin had judiciously examined Nyasaland and found it not to be inimical to the safety of Europeans: the Government disagreed. Banda nevertheless got Malawi; Devlin went young to the Court of Appeal and quickly on to the Lords; Lord Parker became LCJ; and Mannington-Buller, briefly, achieved the post-sack.

Easing the Passing is not only a forensic criticism from the unique perspective of the bench. It is an unfriendly, if brief, biography of a politician-legal careerist. It is a guide to the arcana of professions where ambition, ability, good judgement, and self-reflection do not necessarily go together. Most of all it is an informed speculation about a physician who, probably, and if so dishonourably, sold death to many willing buyers. Nobody escapes Lord Devlin's sharp eye, memory, and pen.

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"Well... does it feel like a proper homecoming?" George felt an unmanly pricking in his eyes. "I don't know. Do you think it's hell not to know who Russell Hardy is?" "Limbo, at least," Diana said. "Rather an enviable limbo, at that."

It's not enough, though. Brassed-off with the England of video-nasties and psychopathic cabbies, George buys himself a readable and well-researched whole. Now that the scandals and protests have died down, a biographer may more easily adopt a level and objective tone, and Yardley does so. There is no hint of a notorious nose here, still less of adulation. Yardley pays his decent but circumspect respects to Lawrence's role in the Arab Revolt, to his complex self-hatred at the betrayal of Arab interests ("We are calling them to fight for a lie and I can't stand it"), to his diplomatic manoeuvring at the Paris Peace Conference and his part in the stabilization of Jordan. From these pages Lawrence emerges as an adroit manipulator of men, as a generally misguided political strategist, and as a neurotic play-actor in whom the desire for esteem and the conviction of unworthiness pursue one another in soul-searing cries.

Backing into the *Lighthouse* makes its own slight bid for novelty. But Yardley's rummaging in the British Museum archives shed no more light on what were probably Lawrence's earliest intelligence exploits, and the author's journeys in the Middle East yielded little. But he uncovered some fresh evidence about Lawrence's relationship with the Press, and in Dorset he interviewed a previously unapproached, shy (and perhaps unreliable) witness to the motorcycle death, who

described how the fatally wounded Lawrence attempted to communicate before losing consciousness. But Yardley's self-confessed interest is less in what Lawrence was than in how he was perceived. "The media's portrayal of Lawrence's life has certainly been misleading," he writes. "By examining the origin and development of Lawrence as a media hero, it may be possible to observe how, or why, such distortions take place."

But there is no real mystery about the Press distortion of Lawrence. His manipulation of his own legend, and how he became a victim, is familiar history. "One cannot act mod-

esty and advertisement at one and the same time," commented one of his more cynical contemporaries. But Lawrence did. "When he was in the middle of the stage," wrote Bernard Shaw, "with ten lights blazing at him, everybody turned to him and said: 'See! He is hiding. He hates publicity.'"

The mystique of Lawrence depends as much on its audience as on its actor. Just as his romantic image excited his contemporary world, so the more complex person Lawrence presents today has prolonged his appeal into a less illusioned time. It now half a century since he died, but his bones will be rattled for a while yet.

Bones of an early media hero

Colin Thubron

BACKING INTO THE LIMELIGHT
A Biography of T. E. Lawrence
By Michael Yardley
Harrap, £12.95

hero of legend. So the interest in this profoundly ambiguous man goes on. Lawrence himself predicted that his bones would be rattled with curiosity after his death, and the necrophilia has merely changed its tone, not its intensity.

Michael Yardley's *Backing into the Limelight* is the latest in a line of some 40 bone-rattling biographies, and it is fair to ask what more it adds, or claims to add, to the glut of Lawrenceana. The answer is: nothing deeply important (as Aldington said, nor does it attempt a real analysis of the man himself as Mack did). Its distinction lies more modestly in incorporating the insights of previous sensational and often unbalanced biographies into a

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Mission impossible

A Royal charity, of which the Queen is patron, has sacked its chief executive Peter Wallis because he is a Roman Catholic. Wallis, who only had the £19,500 a year job at the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen for two weeks, has accepted £13,000 in compensation. Yesterday Buckingham Palace said the Queen had been informed but would not comment further. Mission council member Viscount Thurso has quit in protest, together with fellow council member Brian Wilkinson, a Church of Scotland minister from Oban. Yesterday Viscount Thurso told me: "I thought the mission had managed to keep the lid on this. I still think they behaved shockingly. They have wasted £13,000 in people's legacies and subscriptions. How they will explain this on the accounts, simply don't know." Wallis, a 55-year-old former divisional director with P & O, who was head-hunted by the mission (mntr: Preach the Word, Heal the Sick) understood he had simply to be a Christian. He happened to mention his faith in an article for the mission's house magazine, and immediately a special meeting was held where it was decided to dismiss him. In a letter to Viscount Thurso, mission chairman John Clarke said: "I wanted to open up the religious affiliation of the mission and in particular its staff, but I had not intended in taking it as far as appointing a Roman Catholic as secretary." Wallis, who is still searching for a full-time job, tells me he left the mission "in a state of shock".

Commons law

Westminster was huzzing with cracks and cheap jibes during the defence debate yesterday when the Liberal defence spokesman, Paddy Ashdown, took the floor bearing a spectacular black eye. The former Special Boat Squadron commando, it emerged, was thumped on Tuesday night when he disturbed a man tampering with a car parked in Kennington, London. Ashdown, who had been working late on his defence speech, tells me he rang the police when he became suspicious but feared it would be too late, "had a go". The incident will amuse John Hume, SDLP member for Foyle. As a civil rights activist, he suffered the humiliation of being arrested at a Londonderry riot by Ashdown, then serving with the Royal Marines in Northern Ireland. Yesterday Ashdown insisted he doesn't make a habit of nabbing folk: "My hobby's winemaking. I'm a gentle soul really."

Cover blown

Proof. Gateway store's defence to it's non-white clients is not in be sneezed at.



Going batty

Christie's is facing a boycott by leading London art dealers after introducing numbered ping-pong bats, known as "paddles", which hinders most wave in its King Street auction rooms to identify themselves. Until now it was accepted that the auctioneer simply recognised the dealers. Yesterday Hugh Leggett, of Leggett Brothers in Duke Street, said: "I have never used one, and never will. If Christie's don't want my bid that's too bad." Leggett, who is secretary of Heritage in Danger, added: "It is all so un-British, picked up from our American cousins. Until now Christie's and Sotheby's have been as English as roast beef and Yorkshire pudding." Richard Herman, of Colnaghi's in Bond Street, told me: "These paddles don't exactly fit in with Christie's refined image. They make you feel like a child with a toy. One day someone's going to get hit by one." Sotheby's says it has no intention of adopting the ping-pong bats.

Upbraided

Embarrassing times for a reporter on the Police Review who, after masquerading as a demonstrator at Moleworth, rated Cambridge's police too, while giving the thumbs down to the Met. According to the current Police magazine, the reporter has just been back to East Anglia where a senior officer suggested the Review was doing a useful hatchet job on the poor old Met. "Not so," she said, "a lot of others felt the same about the Moleworth demonstration, including the Chief Constable of Cambridge." "And who," inquired the senior officer, "do you think you're speaking to now?"

Darn it

Norman Tebbit was one of several celebrities asked by Help the Aged to donate odd socks for an auction to raise money for charity services. Tony Benn set the ball rolling. Liv Ullmann sent a pair of rights. Geoffrey Boycott sent an unwashed sock on which he had doubtless scored a century, and Tebbit sent one with a note proclaiming: "I'm often asked to put a sock in it - so here it is."

Should Israel switch to the Amal?

Christopher Walker looks at doubts about the SLA as fighting is renewed in Lebanon

Tyre, southern Lebanon. As Israel gradually, though by no means totally, winds down its involvement in southern Lebanon, the region faces a crucial testing period. United Nations observers believe it will determine whether the future will be uncharacteristically peaceful or witness the start of a new cycle of violence. The difficulties have been highlighted by the kidnapping by Israeli-backed militiamen of 24 Finnish soldiers serving with the UN.

Against informed advice, Israel has selected as its main weapon to contain its enemies the self-styled South Lebanon Army, a mainly Lebanese militia of its own creation, now commanded by General Antoine Lahad.

Even high-ranking Israeli officers speak scathingly of the capability of the SLA, whose hard-core fighters are thought to number no more than 500 men. They are assisted by a ragbag of local village militias which to the words of one Israeli UN officer "would make Dad's Army look like a crack unit".

There has been much debate inside Israel's defence establishment about whether to maintain the link with the SLA or exchange horses and rely more heavily on Amal, the growing force in Lebanon and the main Shia Muslim militia.

As well as facing opposition from

Palestinians and Muslim extremists, Amal is also spearheading the campaign to persuade Israel to dismantle the "security zone" being administered with the cooperation of the SLA.

Those Israelis opposed to the zone have argued that it will only prolong the conflict, prove ineffective in shielding the Galilee from fresh barrages of Katyusha rockets and will postpone - perhaps indefinitely - the day when a modus vivendi can be achieved with south Lebanon's Shia majority. Although the zone is very much a fact - complete with reinforced Israeli gates and sullen queues of Lebanese waiting for permission to enter - there are still those who think that Israel may eventually abandon its commitment to the SLA.

Those who support reliance on Amal as the only viable long-term solution to Israel's unresolved security problems in the Galilee point out that the Shia Muslim population of southern Lebanon has already proved its fierce opposition to the return of Palestinian guerrillas. The Muslims represent the overwhelming majority of the local population and have already demonstrated their possession of a

large arsenal of weaponry and their ability to exercise control.

Much of their finance is now coming from local merchants who have been handing over large sums in the hope that Amal will succeed in maintaining the new-found calm in Tyre and the surrounding villages.

They also argue that the south Lebanese will never accept domination by the SLA, an Israeli creation which has recently demonstrated its ambitions to extend its influence beyond the natural boundaries of its power base in the Christian villages.

Arguing the case this week, the *Jerusalem Post* stated: "The SLA, as at present constituted, is a broken reed on which it would be foolhardy for this country to base its northern defence, even while alienating the far more fiercely dedicated, able, and certainly anti-PLO Amal."

The opponents of Israel's current strategy stress that reliance on the self-interest of the local Shia Muslims - who have no wish to provoke the harsh Israeli retaliation threatened in the event of the return of the PLO - is a gamble which would at least offer the opportunity of a calm future for hard-pressed

Jewish inhabitants of the Galilee.

As long as the SLA-run security zone is in existence, the Muslims are going to fight against it. In straight language, it means that the war is not yet really over," said one western expert. "The SLA has already shown the dangerous areas into which it is capable of leading its Israeli paymasters. The question is, can you blame Frankenstein for his monster?"

Among those known to favour a security blueprint for southern Lebanon based on a combination of UNIFIL forces and Amal militiamen is Brian Urquhart, the respected UN under-secretary. This week he began shuttling between Israel and Lebanon to press his case, already outlined in a letter sent to the Israeli defence ministry three weeks ago. According to one well-placed Israeli source, "Israel may be prepared to preserve a role for the SLA as well."

By dint of long years of cooperation, which began with the late Major Saad Haddad, there are many who are still wedded to the notion of a Shia Muslim defence establishment. It is not clear, however, whether there must be at least hints of a possible future change of heart when a senior Israeli officer can be quoted - as one was this week - remarking bitterly to the Hebrew press: "The SLA couldn't even fight a cripple."

Bernard Levin remembers another wartime anniversary - of invasion

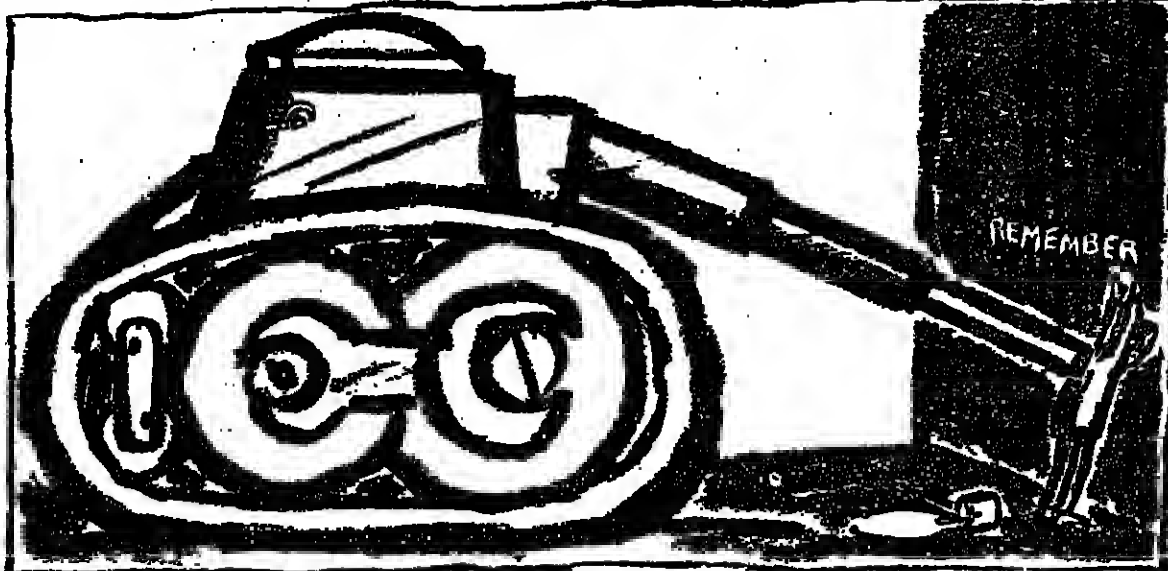
The exchange on the Glenelg Bridge seems to have been confined to the active agents of both sides. The American attempt to include such wholly innocent dissidents as Sakharov and Scharansky failed. But the failure reminds us of those in the Soviet Union who struggle for freedom, and perhaps even more of those whose countries are occupied.

Of all the subjugated peoples of our time, I have often felt that the three Baltic States - Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia - have suffered a more strange and terrible fate than any except Poland, and are likewise second only to Poland in the courage and tenacity with which they have refused to accept the subject status imposed upon them with such savage cruelty. Like Poland, too, they were subjected to the barbarism of the Nazis as well as that of the Soviet Union.

The Baltic States have an immensely long history of civilized existence and a deeply rooted tradition; they were, yet again like Poland, the victims of the Nazi-Soviet pact of 1939. They were seized by Soviet troops 45 years ago this week, and hundreds of thousands of men, women and children were at once rounded up and deported to the Gulag. When Hitler attacked the Soviet Union, the Baltic States were overrun and occupied, whereupon further slaughter was visited upon the people of all three. When, towards the end of the Second World War, the Germans evacuated them, Soviet troops attempted their re-conquest but met with massive armed resistance ultimately overwhelmed by force of numbers and weapons.

Ever since then, they have been nominally incorporated in the Soviet Union, but so obviously illegal is the Soviet occupation of these countries that a number of western states, including Britain, still deny *de jure* recognition to Soviet rule. It may be thought that this is of no comfort to the Latvians, the Estonians and the Lithuanians, but in fact it is very important indeed as a sign which those who lead the resistance can use to proclaim that the Baltic States remain independent.

Yet resistance to the Soviet occupation becomes harder as the years go by, not only because of the unremitting brutality of the oppression but because successive Soviet rulers have carried out a policy of extirpating the indigenous culture of these ancient lands and of colonizing them with Soviet citizens; in Estonia, well over a third of the population is Russian (before the Second World War it was well under a tenth), in Latvia the Latvian population is now barely more than half of the total (before the Second World War it was well over nine-tenths), and even in Lithuania, where the resettlement has not yet gone so far, well over a quarter of



Don't leave the Baltic states alone

the population of the capital, Vilnius, consists of Russian settlers.

Colonists throughout history have always recognized that the strongest resistance to their rule is their subject peoples' sense of their own national identity, based on their history, their tradition, their culture and their racial cohesion. The wiser imperialists, like the Romans and the British, have tried, sometimes with great success, to make a friend of that idea of national identity; you will find the idea beautifully enshrined in Kipling's *Norman and Saxon*. The more stupid and criminal (or the more ideologically obsessed) have sought to destroy that identity altogether. Hitler, at any rate in his Eastern progress, and Stalin, together with all his successors, typified the latter approach, as did Mao with his destruction of the Tibetan culture. Again, the Baltic States have been the most notable victims of this persecution. Some examples will make clear what has happened.

An analysis of the writing and teaching of Lithuanian history in Lithuania is instructive. In the 10 years from 1971 to 1981, 83 university dissertations in the field of history were accepted; only 16 of them were about the 750 years of Lithuanian history before 1918, of the 21 concerned with the years between 1918 and the Soviet invasion, 19 were about the activities of the communists; the remaining 46 were about Lithuania under Soviet occupation (and of course it is axiomatic that none of these would have been accepted if they had been politically critical). In effect, the history of Lithuania starts where the communists appear; there

is no more powerful ingredient than history in the brew of nationalism, and the imperialists in Moscow, recognizing this, are determined to strain it out.

The process of "Sovietization" is enforced throughout all the Baltic States. There is, for instance, constant pressure on the Estonian language (a very ancient tongue indeed, part of the stem from which Magyar and Finnish also spring); more and more administrative communication is conducted only in Russian, and although Russian is compulsory throughout the entire school system, there is no obligation on the Estonian people to learn the language. And indeed, in a confidential document dated 1978 and smuggled to the West in 1980, it was officially laid down that those who write in Russian are to receive all preferences over those who, in their own country, write in their own language.

The same assault on the very idea of a separate nation is in progress in Latvia; again, a single instance will symbolize it. Publishing in Latvia is not course entirely state-controlled; but control is exercised not only to impose ideological conformity but to weaken the hold of the Latvian language. Every lustrum from 1945 to 1977 (the late date for which figures are available) has shown a decline in the proportion of books in Latvian, from four-fifths to one-half by now it must be under a half, and the pressure continues.

I have not touched upon the rigid and ruthless control of all aspects of life in the Baltic States, since it is the same, *mutatis mutandis*, as else-

where in the Soviet Union: the proportion of persecuted dissidents is very much higher, of course, because the resistance, being based on nationalism, is more widespread and more determined (as within the Soviet Union itself, it is at its fiercest in the Ukraine). But the most relentless persecution is of religion, because - and here, too, the parallel with Poland is tragically close - it is the churches in the Baltic States, all three of which are still full of believers, that have done most to keep alive the sense of identity by reminding their flocks that neither communism nor any other secular system can be accepted as supreme. The world rightly reacted in horror at the murder of Father Papieluskos in Poland, so much so that the Polish authorities deemed it safest to put the killers on trial, and even convict them; there have been many Father Papieluskos in the Baltic States, such as the Latvian priests Father Turlejs and Father Zilvinskis, murdered in 1980 and 1981 respectively.

The governments of the West, having made (some of them, anyway) their gesture of sympathy for the Baltic peoples by refusing to accept the Soviet occupation as legal, no doubt think that they need do no more. But they could do a great deal more. If western leaders could occasionally mention the subject of the continuing occupation of these countries, it would have an enormous, and enormously heartening, effect on the citizens of three ancient, independent and devoted peoples, struggling to keep hope alive through the years. Next week, I shall give a single example, of a Lithuanian priest who has suffered years of imprisonment for his faith, which I hope will illustrate why the people of the Baltic States are still resisting their conquerors, and why it is of the highest importance that they should know that the West has not forgotten them.

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Home thoughts from a board

The St Mary's Street area of Southampton is an unremarkable example of Britain's decaying inner cities. It does not suffer from extreme poverty, unemployment or bad race relations, and on a sleepy Sunday afternoon it is hard to imagine the sort of scenes which took place in Brixton and Toxteth four summers ago.

Yet for those who live and work there, the problems are real enough. That is why a team of experts was brought together recently by the Royal Institute of British Architects, to try to find some solutions. About 100 people attended a public meeting. They included the owner of the local cafe, policemen on the beat, ward councillors, a property developer, residents and shopkeepers. The meeting was good-humoured and positive, and the sort of brawling bickering which has come to be expected when politicians and public servants meet those they serve.

The St Mary's area thrived from Saxons times until the Second World War. Then a cycle of decline set in. The eastern docks started to run down, new shopping facilities in the city centre took business away, and a 1956 city development plan never got off the ground. Planning blight really took hold when a new dual carriageway severed St Mary's from the city centre, and new housing, at lower densities than the slums which it replaced, reduced the number of homes from about 3,000 to about 900 today.

As a result shopkeepers' profits decreased and some moved out. Others who could afford the rates and rents - owners of sex shops, porno cinemas, nightclubs and amusement arcades - moved in. St Mary's Street became shabbier, the choice of shops more restricted, and prostitutes established themselves in Darby Road just to the north.

In 1980 Canon Milner, then rector of St Mary's church, set up a local action group representing street and market traders, the church, the technical college and two schools in the area, and residents. Ward councillors and members of the city planning department joined in. Public money has since been poured into the area, but that was not enough, and the local group opposed some of the council's ideas. In autumn 1982 the action group visited architect Rod Hackney, who was investigating the American system of regional/urban design assistance teams (Rudats) to help revive inner city areas.

The American Rudat scheme, administered by the American Institute of Architects, has now benefited nearly 100 cities; the next one takes place in Jacksonville, Florida, in September. The idea was pioneered in 1967 by a British architect living in the US, David Lewis, who thought such an initiative might help Britain in the wake of its own inner city riots of 1981.

Richard Burton, a partner in architects Ahrends, Burton & Kornick, who chaired the weekend St

Mary's Street community urban design assistance team (Cudat) said: "Our role was to give a second opinion... we acted as a bridge between those who may feel they have inadequate representation and the authorities, and tried to... create an atmosphere of understanding."

This first British Cudat, which had as its slogan "Let's Put the Heart Back in St Mary's", comprised an architect-planner, a sociologist, an economist, a traffic engineer, an administrator and Burton. The team had studied the area for five months before descending en masse for an intensive series of discussions, representations and visits, working through most of Saturday night and Sunday morning to draw up their recommendations.

The key issues, they discovered, were finding the right role for the place, and remedying the lack of parking space and the under-utilization of vacant sites, school and church buildings. Residents had been calling for a new community centre, but the team suggested that improved access to existing facilities would have the same benefit without the cost; similarly, instead of putting a new £180,000 roof over the market as the council planned to do, the team suggested building a specialist shopping centre in the existing street, offering events and entertainment.

Other suggestions included closing half the dual carriageway (which is used at only 20 per cent capacity)

to make parking space; creating an innovation centre and workshops linked to the technical college; and enlarging the choice of accommodation, perhaps by appointing a resident community architect and setting up a housing association.

How this might be achieved formed an important part of the team's final report to local people. It suggested setting up trusts similar to those which have worked successfully in Warrington, Derbyshire, and North Kensington, London, to package funding from different sources.

"Urban regeneration is a long and difficult process, and often involves swimming against the tide. But we gave a partnership between the community, property owners, businessmen and the local authority, we believe St Mary's will show Southampton, and perhaps the country as a whole, what living in a city should be about," the report concluded.

Nothing revolutionary in that - which is why the first Cudat will probably succeed in its aims. It is now up to the local people to implement all or part of what the experts have recommended.

While the 1982 Gold Medalist for Architecture, Berthold Lubekin, spoke out against community architecture and the Prince of Wales's endorsement of it at the RIBA on Tuesday night, the Cudat scheme seems likely to offer many inner urban areas hope.

Charles Kneviatt

Ronald Butt

The wrongs of European rights

The European Court of Human Rights is by far the most important consequence of the foundation of the Council of Europe in 1949. Its job is to adjudicate on allegations of infringement of the Convention on Human Rights which the members of the Council, including Britain, signed in 1950.

Since the Council was established for the purpose, among others, of upholding the principles of parliamentary democracy, that is the situation against which its operation should be tested. It has for some time been my conviction that in principle the Court undermines parliamentary democracy, and its most recent judgement confirms that opinion.

This does not indicate a dislike of all the Court's judgements, or the motives of all who have recourse to it. Thus the judgement upholding the case of three British Railway employees who were sacked for refusing to belong to a closed shop was one with which I sympathised. The same is true of the motives which led a group of Danish parents to appeal to the Court to allow them to withdraw their children from classes in which what was indeniably pornographic material was used. (That case was turned down on the curiously unrealistic grounds that there are private schools in Denmark to which they could theoretically have turned.)

Yet none of this is any reason for shutting one's eyes to the flawed nature of this court. It decides its cases in the light of judges' interpretation of extremely vague general principles, instead of by reference to a clear code of written law. It then demands that where its judgement conflicts with a law made by a democratically elected parliament, the judgement should override the law. That cannot be right.

This characteristic has been newly illuminated by the judgement in the last case brought to the Court by three non-British women without citizenship but with permanent rights of UK residence who wish to overturn the immigration regulations which prevent their foreign husbands from joining them.

The Court's judgement does not find the government guilty on any grounds concerned with "race", which does not altogether please the immigrant pressure group sponsoring their case. It also accepts that, to prevent the abuse of arranged marriages, couples proposing to marry should at least have met.

Even so, the three women and their backers have secured a judgement which threatens Parliament's right to legislate freely on immigration. The Court has stated that to exclude husbands infringes article 14 of the Convention, which declares that the "freedom and rights" stipulated in other articles should be applied without discrimination on any such grounds as sex, race, colour and much else.

It holds that men and women are equally entitled to the protection of another article in the Convention which proclaims respect for family life. The government has argued that the different treatment of male spouses is justified in view of high unemployment. But although the Court accepts that the government is entitled to protect the labour

market, it thinks that the differentiation in this case is not justified since incoming women, as well as men, may take work.

The Court, however, has a remedy for the conflict between its "jurisdiction" and that of Parliament. It wants Britain to provide its own constitutional remedies by establishing a Court of Rights for such appeals in Britain, and by writing the European Convention into British Law.

That course has its British advocates. But it flouts the whole English legal system which requires judgements to be made on a basis of clear law, with judges interpreting parliamentary intentions where necessary. We are now asked to accept judgements on bland generalities, some of which may even conflict with each other.

That will not do. Rights which are an more than resounding declarations of principle may have their place in the founding documents of new nations but they must be steadily closed by statutes which limit them. The ringing words of the American Declaration of Independence reveal the potential absurdity. "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal (in what way, precisely?); that they are endowed... with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life (what does that signify for American rights of gun-possession or capital punishment?); liberty (at what cost to the liberty of others?); and the pursuit of happiness." It is not ringing declarations but certain law that guarantees a civilized society, and Magna Carta, the greatest constitutional document of them all, is a list of concrete enactments rather than vague principles. The tradition of our law is that we prescribe remedies for wrongs, which lead to rights. The tradition of Roman law is to declare rights on which remedies are built. Unfortunately, in the European Court we are disadvantaged by being alone with Ireland and Cyprus in having common law.

But even that is not the heart of the matter. Whatever the legal system, a court of law needs to base its judgements on a parliamentary and political authority which is accountable to its people. The European Court has no parliament and no government. It is responsible to nobody; its law is the say-so of its judges. Parliament should debate the Court and the Convention. It would be a democratic act, (as the Convention itself allows, article 65), to denounce it, and the fact that the Greek colonels did so from non-democratic motives is no reason why we should not do so for parliamentary reasons.

What if the Court were authorized by the Commission (it is thought unlikely in Whitehall, but who knows?) to pronounce on the claim of Myra Hindley to be considered earlier for parole than the parole board has advised? What if it makes a nonsense of our immigration law in precisely the same way as, over corporal punishment in schools, it has already forced the Education Secretary into a ridiculous compromise instead of a clear-cut policy? The case of the European Court itself is bigger than that of its individual cases.

moreover... Miles Kingston

How Roy made me see the light

The tale I am about to relate to you is absolutely true, and I must ask you to believe that I have made up nothing.

In 1980 I was sent to Peru by the BBC to make a film in their series *Great Railway Journeys of the World*. This was because I spoke O-level Spanish and did not mind being on trains that arrived late. The lighting man in the BBC crew was called Roy and although old enough to have a hefty beard, he had never been out of Britain before. So chary was he of foreign places that during our entire month there he never changed his watch from British time.

So, having typed Roy as the kind of man who paid little attention to overseas goings-on, I was amazed when he drew me aside after a week and said to me: "I haven't told anyone else, Miles, but I am out here on a mission. I am the next president of Bolivia. As you know, our last two days filming are in La Paz, and my people are waiting for me to arrive."

This placed me in a quandary. Should I keep Roy's secret and cash in on his coming promotion? Should I alternatively go secretly to the producer and tell him that the lighting man had gone bananas? Luckily, I decided to keep quiet. Luckily, because after another week Roy drew me aside and said:

"I have good news for you, Miles. I have decided to make you my minister of finance."

"Why me, Roy?"

"Because you are the only person I can trust. I am surrounded by enemies."

Four days later, high up in the Andes, there was a further development. Roy came to me with a very heavy face and told me to prepare myself for bad news.

"What is it, Roy?"

"After you have been in office for a month, I am going to have you shot."

"Why so, Roy? I thought you trusted me."

"I do, I do. But I have to blame someone for the mess I have got the country in."

As we drew nearer and nearer to Bolivia, Roy's machinations got darker and deeper, and I believe that on the day before we entered the promised land I was due to be in

charge of five ministries, and be executed in four of them.

The extraordinary thing was that on the day we entered Bolivia there was a coup, and the government fell. The military announced that an announcement would be made later. People everywhere gathered round their transistor sets for the next development.

"My people know I am here," murmured Roy to me, as he set up his lights for the next shot. "I am waiting for the moment."

The next thing I can remember is being holed up in a hotel in La Paz with Roy, being shot at by government troops across the road. I told him I didn't think much of his command of the situation. "I have resigned," said Roy gravely. "This country is not yet ready for a man like me."

And so, unbeknown to the historians, a great moment passed. I didn't see Roy again, though I sometimes get postcards from around the globe signed "El presidente de Bolivia". I didn't see him again, in fact, until recently when I entered a delightful hotel called El Balcon de Espana near Tarija and found a BBC crew who had just finished filming Laurie Lee's *As I Walked Out Early One Morning* the story of his travels across Spain in 1933.

"Hello, Miles," said lighting man Roy.

"Hello, presidente," I said without thinking.

"Shh," he said. "The others don't know. It is best they should not know. By the way, I have good news for you. Things are very restless in Bolivia and I may well be recalled. Only yesterday I had to disband the army and start forming a new one. How would you like to be Inspector General of the armed forces?"

I hesitated. "I will double your salary."

How could I resist? With a leader like Roy, it is very hard not to follow. Meanwhile, he has instructed me to continue this column until it is time to take office. It will all be good experience, as he has promised me the editorship of the seven government papers he intends to set up. I could not help noticing, by the way, that Roy's watch was now on Bolivian time.

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NO CHALLENGE

The practice of challenging jurors, once virtually obsolete, is now a regular occurrence at the Old Bailey and other criminal courts in London and the South-East, and it is spreading to major cities in other parts of the country. Recent letters published in *The Times* have described the discomfiting experience of correspondents who, as they are about to take the juror's oath, have been challenged off the jury by counsel for the defence, without any reason being given. The explanation, it seems, is the juror's appearance. A pin-stripe suit, an old school or regimental tie, a prominently displayed copy of the *Daily Telegraph* seem to provide a virtual guarantee that the bearer will be excluded from the jury.

The rights of an accused to challenge jurors have changed substantially over the years. There has always been an unlimited right to challenge for a specific cause, but this is rarely used, and a *prima facie* case must be shown before the court will investigate further. There used to be the right to make as many as 35 "peremptory" challenges, for which no reason need be given, but in the sixteenth century the number was reduced to 20 and in this century it has been further cut down, first to seven and now to three challenges. The reason for the existence of the right of peremptory challenge is not entirely clear. Blackstone, writing at a time when capital punishment was the penalty for a wide variety of offences, described it as "a provision full of that tenderness and humanity to prisoners, for which our English laws are justly famous", designed to benefit a person forced to defend his life

before a jury and who found someone in it the look of whose face disconcerted him. Today the peremptory challenge seems to be used by defence counsel in an endeavour to achieve as far as possible a jury composed of people believed by the defence to be likely to be hostile to the prosecution and sympathetic to the defendant. Race, class, age, sex and education all seem to play a part in this selection process.

There is a discernible tendency to favour those who seem to be young, unskilled and relatively uneducated. Because there is not much for the defence to go on when deciding how to exercise the right of challenge, especially now that jurors' occupations are no longer included in the jury list, defence barristers are more or less limited to judging by impression. It is a very hit and miss affair, but that has not stopped the practice from burgeoning.

It is easy to see the effect of the use of peremptory challenges by the defence. Where a defendant is in the dock on his own, his room for manoeuvre is limited by the fact that he has only three challenges, but where, as commonly happens, there are several co-defendants, it is possible for the defence, by pooling their challenges, to exploit the right of challenge to such an extent that in some cases they can pack the whole jury with people to their liking. It is not a very edifying spectacle: it is embarrassing for the jurors who are challenged, and it hardly induces a sense of respect for our system of justice in those present in court at the time, including the jurors waiting.

The principle of random

selection is fundamental to our jury system. It has been found necessary to make a limited inroad into this principle by allowing jury vetting in terrorism trials and cases involving national security, but these are wholly exceptional cases and are subject to stringent safeguards. What is now happening is that the right of challenge is being used not in order to achieve a fair and just trial but in order to defeat the principle of random selection and replace it by a partial, or in some cases a total, selection of the jury by the defendant.

Defenders of the right of peremptory challenge argue that a person is entitled to be tried by his peers, and that it is perfectly legitimate for him to wish to be tried by people of a similar background, race and education to his own. But is this what is meant by trial by one's peers? Our legal system has never provided for a jury to be composed of people of the same age, class, race, religion and political beliefs as the accused. The argument confuses trial by one's peers with trial by one's fellow citizens. It is no excuse for discriminating against potential jurors on wholly inadmissible grounds.

If the jury system is to survive in this country, it must retain public confidence. The present abuse of a defendant's right of peremptory challenge is bringing the system into serious disrepute. This should be a matter of concern for all who care about jury trial. There is no longer any sensible justification for preserving the right of peremptory challenge, and it ought now to be abolished.

MR GORBACHOV'S HARD ROAD

Mr Gorbachov's energetic efforts to reinvigorate the Soviet economy have earned him much sympathy at home and abroad. His dramatic call on Tuesday for more effective management and better quality output echoed the criticisms of domestic dissidents and foreign specialists normally denounced in Moscow for alleged antisoviet propaganda.

The thoughts of Mr Gorbachov have, of course, had their precursors in official philosophy. Since the late 1970s, it has become clear even to slow-reacting Soviet economic planners that the pursuit of growth by "extensive" development - creating huge additions to low-quality productive capacity - needed to give way to "intensive" development, making more efficient use of resources. The two stimuli were a looming shortage of manpower in an economy which had hitherto pursued higher output basically by laying more hands to lathe, and the dawning acceptance of the need to make efficient use of energy and other raw materials.

But economic acceptance, and opaque exhortation in a series of plans, are a far cry from results. Some bottlenecks are being broken open, particularly in the energy sector. But too much investment is expensively con-

centrated on the building of vast new industrial plants rather than improving output from existing ones; a failing on which Mr Gorbachov laid particular blunt emphasis. So far this year the USSR has produced less oil, coal, steel, synthetic fibres, cement and cars than in the same period last year, which itself yielded disappointing results.

Politically this is a good time for Mr Gorbachov to make changes; he can blame shortcomings on his predecessors, while replacing political opponents with his own supporters. He wishes to consolidate his power base in the party Central committee before the February congress, and dismissing all the inefficient ministers and state planners would give him many vacancies to fill.

But even the politics of change will be far from easy. The party leaders no longer have the power of life and death over colleagues which Stalin enjoyed. The inefficient ministers are important political allies of some politburo colleagues who will offer them protection. Mr Gorbachov may appear a young radical when he attacks the Minister of Ferrous Metallurgy, Ivan Kazanets, and other administrators who fail to deliver the goods, but some of his listeners know that such

personal criticisms are not new. At the November 1979 plenum when Mikhail Gorbachov was raised to candidate member of the politburo, Mr Brezhnev was even more forthright in naming names. Even then Mr Kazanets was singled out for "blatant waste of metal" and for his "sluggish" approach to technical progress.

Other ministers hauled over the coals by Mr Gorbachov this week had the same treatment six years ago without any noticeable improvement following. In 1957 Nikita Khrushchev attempted reforms of the ministries much more fundamental than anything Mr Gorbachov has attempted.

Will the USSR now follow the Hungarian example by allowing some private enterprise and encouraging greater initiative? The Chinese experiment certainly suggests that steps in this direction could bring rapid improvements. But the reforms introduced under Mr Andropov to give managers greater independence from central control have not received wide application. And the centralized party structure cannot easily be adapted to permit greater regional autonomy, with all the accompanying risks of encouraging aspirations for separate development among national minorities.

TIME TO GNAW THE UMBRELLA

England's sporting pride has taken a battering in the last week or two: defeat for the cricketers in the three one-day matches against Australia, a record beating for the rugby players in New Zealand, and a ban on footballers in the wake of the hideous events in Brussels. The Test series for the Ashes, which starts today, at Headingley, provides England with a chance to restore national morale.

The traditional five-day game will itself, to a certain extent, be on trial, for in the rest of the world the excitement of the one-day contest seems more able to attract spectators through the gate. With the one-day game, notably in Australia, has come the spirit of jingoism and partisanship that has bedevilled football. The behaviour of some elements on Sunday afternoons at English cricket grounds demands a watchful eye from the authorities. Advance Test match bookings, however, and the continued attraction of the baggy

green Australian cap suggest that we are some way from writing off Test cricket in this country.

Although England are favoured to win the Test series, the Australians are renowned for causing surprises. On their very first visit to Britain in 1878 the colonialists, inspired by the "Demon Bowler" Spofforth, had the effrontery to dismiss the might of MCC for 33 and 19 at Lord's and trounce them in a single afternoon. Further proof of Australian cricketing prowess was offered at the Oval four years later when England were defeated on home soil for the first time, and such was the excitement of the final afternoon that cricket folklore tells of the man who died of the strain and of another who gnawed through the handle of his umbrella as England failed to score the 85 runs needed to win.

Competition for the Ashes has mostly been in the spirit of the

game even if on one infamous occasion an obsession with winning took a sporting contest to the verge of open conflict. Jardine may not have been the ogre that last week's television dramatization of the "Bodyline" episode portrayed but his single-minded determination to curb Bradman's run-scoring powers and win the Ashes at all costs threatened relationships beyond the world of cricket.

Rule changes quickly put an end to bodyline tactics, but 50 years on - and in a much changed world - repeated short-pitched bowling by batteries of fast bowlers continues to offer a threat to batsmen. These tactics smack of the prize ring, not the cricket field. It is to be hoped that this summer's series against traditional adversaries will bring a re-emphasis of cricket's historic virtues: the captains, Gower and Border, are well enough versed in the game to be aware of their responsibilities.

seven years and there have been four amendments to Finance Bills on the matter. The Government has extended the life and powers of the Co-operative Development Agency and the Conservative Party, like all the other parties, says that it wants to encourage co-operative development. Yet the Treasury maintains this vicious tax discrimination against co-operatives without being able to explain its strange hostility to an enterprise sharing its profits with its employees in proportion to work contributed.

Yours faithfully,
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May 25.

Liberal MPs' voting on Bill

From the Secretary of State for the Environment

Sir, David Steel's article today (June 11) objecting to the Local Government Bill might be marginally more convincing if the Liberal members in the House of Commons who actually represent seats in the metropolitan counties had all joined him in voting against the Bill in the Commons. In fact one supported the Bill on second reading and two did not oppose its third reading - out of a total of four!

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK JENKIN,
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June 11.

Best use of energy

From the Director of the Association for the Conservation of Energy

Sir, This autumn the Government intends to introduce legislation which will permit the sale of the British Gas Corporation and all its assets to the private sector. In recognition of the continuing monopoly position of the new company the Secretary of State for Energy has promised that a new regulatory authority will be created simultaneously.

If the legislation is to avoid the criticism of merely transferring a public-sector monopoly into a private-sector one it is vital that the new regulatory authority be so designed as to ensure that the gas company effectively takes investment, pricing and service decisions which are always demonstrated to be in the public interest, both short and long term.

In the USA, all but one of the states (the exception being Nebraska) have appointed or elected public utility commissioners whose job it is to oversee the activities of the various private companies providing monopoly private services with their state water, electricity and gas.

The majority of these commissioners have proved extremely effective in ensuring that the monopoly takes decisions, particularly on pricing and investment, which are demonstrated to be clearly in the overall public interest.

Whereas in Britain a forecast increase in demand for a fuel is taken to require the automatic response of increasing supply, in the United States, the private ownership of utilities has led to the inclusion of energy conservation as one of their responsibilities. In evaluating investment options, the economic rationality of such an evaluation is that it is often more cost-effective to the utility to reduce energy demand from their consumers - by assisting them financially as well as practically - to use their fuel as efficiently as possible.

The existence of public utility commissioners has ensured that the Pavlovian response to create more and more energy-supply sources without reference to the alternatives (ultimately in neither the consumers' nor the stockholders' interest) is simply not permitted. The pricing and investment strategy of the monopoly utility are open to wide scrutiny and have to be approved by the commissioner following annual public hearings.

Yours faithfully,
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May 14.

Rural Anglicanism

From the Reverend Michael McAdam
Sir, "The Church has given up" writes Clifford Longley ("A deadly bush in the Church", June 8).

"The Church" - Does he mean "the clergy"? After 11 years as rector of a village in Hertfordshire I can readily understand how a deadly bush in the Church can be a group of a dozen parochial clergy who, far from having given up, serve their parishes with energetic enthusiasm and imaginative spirituality.

"The Church" - Does he mean "the laity"? I can write only of my own experience. The Church's ministry in this parish owes much to lay people who keep me on my toes, have high expectations of the superintending ministry and are unsparing of themselves in their efforts to be the Church, the Body of Christ.

I have looked in vain to find mention of God in Mr Longley's article. Perhaps he has escaped the notice of Dr Francis too. Life is to be found in him.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MCADAM,
The Rectory,
Much Hadham,
Hertfordshire.
June 10.

From the Reverend D. M. Greenhalgh

Sir, It may sometimes be newsworthy that country churches are empty, but it is not news. It has always been so, in spite of some honourable exceptions where attendance is higher than in the towns.

Of many examples from the past one may be quoted from the *Oxford Diocesan Visitation Articles of 1738*. At Rotherfield Greys "ye last rector us'd to toll ye Bell and wait for a Congregation till at last he grew tired and left it off".

Yours faithfully,
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June 10.

Stonehenge seen in an alternative light

From the Chief Executive of "English Heritage" and the Director General of the National Trust

Sir, Dr Humphrey Smith (June 7) suggests that the only wish of the hippies and Druids at Stonehenge is to practise love and peace and mystical religion.

That is a sadly misplaced view of what the free festival has become. What began in the mid-seventies with groups of hippies joining the Druids for the summer solstice ceremonies has degenerated into a chaotic invasion which has no more than a tenuous connection with the midsummer acts of worship.

The six-week encampment of 30,000 people was treated last year as an open licence to inflict costly damage to the land, archaeological remains and woods at Stonehenge. It marred the enjoyment of many other visitors and threatened the persons of members of our staff who were trying to do their job.

Crowds of festival-goers disoriented themselves on the stones in scenes closer to desecration than to religion. About 1,000 young trees were torn or cut down; trenches and holes were dug with disregard for the ancient barrows; fences were ripped up and a scarred landscape of burnt-out vehicles and rubbish was the legacy of the festival.

English Heritage and the National Trust accepted last year the traditional ceremonies of the Druids on the night of the solstice and will certainly be ready to consider the possibility of similar ceremonies in the future. It is, however, a strange sense of values which would require us - or anyone else - to welcome an assembly which shows so little respect for the monument or the landscape.

We do not doubt that many of those who camped at Stonehenge last year came with peaceful intentions, but the consequences of a gathering on such a scale are incompatible with the duty of English Heritage to protect the monument and the National Trust the land surrounding it.

That task, entrusted to us by Parliament, requires that we should at all times seek to promote the long-term preservation of Stonehenge and the surrounding fields, which together constitute one of the most important prehistoric sites in the world.

It does not require that we should set that responsibility aside and bow to the demands of any group which

arrogates to itself the right to occupy the land or the monument for its own purposes, regardless of the consequences.

Yours faithfully,
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June 12.

From Mr Christopher Chippindale

Sir, Dr Humphrey Smith (June 7) thinks that shutting the Druids and the festival out of Stonehenge is like closing cathedrals to Christians.

He is quite wrong to think that either group has any historic claim to Stonehenge whatever. Stonehenge is a prehistoric monument, largely built around 2000 BC. It is a fair guess that it was a religious temple, but no one has any sound idea of exactly what it was for or the particulars of what it celebrated.

The people who call themselves Druids and have performed at Stonehenge since Edwardian days have their origins in eighteenth-century historical fantasy. They have nothing to do with the real Druids of the Roman period - and there is not a scrap of evidence those real Druids had anything to do with Stonehenge.

The festival is even newer: its interest in Stonehenge comes from the hippy mysticism which sees in Avebury, Glastonbury and many prehistoric sites traces of ley lines, geomancy and ancient earth magic - for which, again, reliable empirical evidence is lacking.

Certainly, the previous attitude of the Department of the Environment, National Trust and Wiltshire police has not helped. By depriving the festival over many years but not acting effectively against it, they have seen it established as a fixed institution and made this year's moves necessarily more forceful.

The entire failure of the authorities to suggest what else the festival's many thousand devotees might do or where they might go is very unfriendly towards it - rightly, as many might say.

Yours sincerely,
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Cambridge.
June 9.

Control of pirate radio

From Mr Claran O'Hagan

Sir, John Catlett (feature, May 25) in his article supporting legislation of pirate radio stations such as Laser 558, claims that on the one hand Laser's frequency was chosen "with care to avoid interference with existing stations", and on the other that the station will not "broadcast political or religious propaganda".

Given the plethora of currently unused frequencies, as claimed by John Catlett, it is unfortunate that Laser should choose a frequency adjacent to the Irish national radio, RTE, and emit a signal which is so badly tuned that reception of RTE is very difficult, and sometimes impossible.

This represents an unfortunate loss of an often contrasting source of news and opinion on Irish affairs to what can be obtained in Britain. It may be coincidental that Laser is believed to be partly financed by an Irish interest, although to date the owners of Laser prefer to remain

elusive. Laser provides a good example of why strict public accountability of radio is required.

However, I admit that I enjoy listening to rock music uninterrupted by chat and much advertisement, such as Laser, and to radio free of pop. If John Catlett's figure of five million weekly listeners to Laser is true, such an enterprise could be enormously profitable.

Deregulation of the limited number of available airwaves could then result in a large number of stations producing a very similar product to each other and the crowding out of non-music radio. Why not satisfy the demand for a national non-stop rock music station by allowing a broadcasting authority to rent out a licence and use the proceeds to subsidise other types of programming besides rock music?

Yours sincerely,
CLARAN O'HAGAN,
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Oxford.
May 27.

Future of universities

From Professor G. H. A. Cole

Sir, Professor Cox (May 29) mentions the New Vocationalism and the shift from arts to the sciences as if they are related, which they are not. This is an unfortunate and widespread current misapprehension peculiar to this country.

The basic sciences (and especially the physical sciences) are as much part of the intellectual cultural heritage of the time as are the humanities. Both join, with different but complementary approaches, in the effort to understand the universe and to find our place in it. Both suffer the same neglect in the modern school curriculum, the same contempt from the present Government and the same lack of interest from the community at large.

Science has no necessary practical application outside itself, but what it has is technology that applies the hard-won (and international) findings to our daily lives. The science of today can be the technology of tomorrow, but it may not be the ultimate usefulness of a scientific enterprise cannot be assessed in advance.

Technology is constructive if it is

in harmony with the cultural platform (however small) provided by the sciences and the humanities. Working together, the sciences, the humanities and technology can provide a better material world for all and a sense of purpose and wonder in exploring it.

The New Vocationalism, as I understand it, is the acceptance of the sale of isolated ephemeral technology as the only wealth. The wrongly described shift from arts to science is in practice the move to promote immediately saleable commodities, not a bad aim in itself but it is not science. The neglect of science remains and the future left unaccounted for.

The Government's present policy in this regard is destructive and cannot succeed in the longer term because discovery and application to science are parliamentary whims. An inability to distinguish between science and technology is neither understandable nor forgivable in this day and age it is just plain tragic.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE COLE,
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Hull,
North Humberside.
May 29.

Forgiving thoughts

From Mr Joel Freedman

Sir, There is no level to Judeo-Christian thought at which it can be argued that any human being can forgive crimes committed against other human beings. That privilege belongs only to the victim. To ask the Jews to forgive the Nazis their crimes against humanity, be they crimes against Jews or non-Jews, is to impute to the Jews a power they do not possess.

In his prayer, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," Christ, as the victim of crimes intended against him, was empowered to make such a plea, especially having "already forgiven those who would be responsible for his death."

Dr Phillips (feature, June 8) is offering us sound theology when he says that Christ "makes forgiveness of sins conditional on our prior forgiveness of our fellow men." But the principle can only apply to those sins committed against ourselves, and no amount of putting ourselves

in the death camps "to appropriate that experience for ourselves" can endow a human being with attributes he does not possess. Who are we to forgive crimes against others?

To suggest that the Jews, by declining to forgive, are inviting another holocaust is an extraordinary statement for Dr Phillips to make. It demands of the Jew what he is unable to perform and, according to Dr Phillips, leaves him exposed to another holocaust because of his inability to perform it.

If there should be another holocaust, it will be for the reasons which Dr Phillips states, that the cause of the holocaust "lies hid within Christian theology" - and the New Testament itself. That is what Dr Phillips should be addressing his mind to, not to exhorting the Jews to perform what neither Moses nor Christ himself was able to perform.

Yours faithfully,
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June 10.



ON THIS DAY

JUNE 13 1933

The MCC's tour of Australia captained by D. R. Jardine, 1933-33 acquired notoriety as the year of "bodyline". The pejorative word had been coined as a euphemism by a journalist to describe the English tactics in using the fast bowlers Larwood, Voce and Baines to a leg field and by doing so intimidating the batsman. At the end of the Third Test which had been played amidst an atmosphere of fear from the crowd, the Australian Board of Control protested. England won the series 4-1. The controversy escalated and diplomatic relations became strained between the two countries. In 1934 the MCC ruled against what could be regarded as a direct attack at the batsman.

THE CRICKET ARGUMENT

M.C.C.'S REPLY TO AUSTRALIA

The text of a cable that the M.C.C. have forwarded to the Australian Board of Control was issued last night, and was as follows:

"To Cricket Australia. The M.C.C. Committee have received and carefully considered the cable of the Australian Board of Control of April 28 last. ... In regard to the cable of the Australian Board of Control of April 28 last, the committee presume that the class of bowling to which the proposed new law would apply is that referred to as 'body-line' bowling in the Australian Board of Control's cable of April 28 last. ... The committee consider that the term 'body-line' bowling is misleading and improper. It has led to much inaccuracy of thought by confusing the short, humping ball, whether directed on the off, middle, or leg stump, with what is known as 'leg theory'."

"The term 'body-line' would appear to imply a direct attack by the bowler on the batsman. The committee consider that such an implication applied to any English bowling in Australia is improper and incorrect. Such action on the part of any bowler would be an offence against the spirit of the game and would be immediately condemned. The practice of bowling on the leg stump with a field placed on the leg side necessary for such bowling is legitimate and has been in force for many years."

"It has generally been referred to as 'leg theory'. The present habit of batsmen who move in front of their wicket with the object of gliding straight balls to leg tends to give the impression that the bowler is bowling at the batsman, especially in the case of a fast bowler. The batsman misinterprets the ball and is hit."

"The new law recommended by the Australian Board of Control does not appear to the committee to be practicable. Firstly, it would place an impossible task on the umpire, and secondly, it would place in the hands of the umpire a power over the game which would be more dangerous, and which any umpire might well fear to exercise."

"The committee have had no reason to give special attention to 'leg theory' as practised by fast bowlers."

"They will, however, watch carefully during the present season for anything which might be regarded as unfair or prejudicial to the best interests of the game."

"With regards to the reports of the captain and managers, the committee, while deeply appreciative of the private and public hospitality shown to the English team, are much concerned with regard to the barracking, which is referred to in all the reports and against which there is unanimous deprecation. Barracking unfortunately has always been indulged in by spectators in Australia, a degree quite unknown in this country. During the late tour, however, it would appear to have exceeded all previous experience, and on occasions to have become thoroughly objectionable."

"There appears to have been little or no effort on the part of those responsible for the administration of the game in Australia to interfere or to control this exhibition. This was naturally regarded by members of the team as a serious lack of consideration for them. The committee are of opinion that cricket played under such conditions is robbed of much of its value as a game, and that unless barracking is stopped or is greatly moderated in Australia it is difficult to see how the continuance of representative matches can serve the best interests of the game."

Value of art

From Mr Julian Harnoll

Sir, Your Sale Room Correspondent headlines (May 24) the price paid for the J. F. Lewis "An interrupted correspondence, Cairn at Sotherby's in New York as a record; the converts the price paid in dollars into sterling and quotes this as the highest price yet achieved by a Victorian painting."

But this raises the question of the valuation of art in currency terms. The £780,000 paid for the "Portrait of a Lady" by J. E. Millais at Christie's (November 23, 1983) converted at that time to \$1,545,000, which exceeds by \$4,000 the hammer price of the Lewis.

So who can claim this record? And what about Turner? I remain, yours faithfully,
JULIAN HARNOLL,
14 Mason's Yard,
Duke Street,
St James's, SW1.

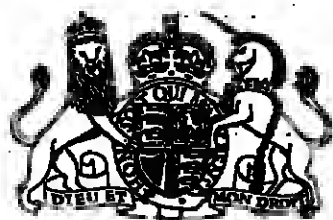
Janus effect

From Mr Michael Rubinstein

Sir, It may be that the traditional meaning of "sporting" has in recent years acquired the opposite connotation, quite unofficially. It is certain that, in the context of football clubs, "supporters" may now be taken often to mean haters, those who let down and harm the image of their "favoured" club, those who humiliate and disgrace it.

With such supporters who needs ... But we have no satisfactory single word for the opposite.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL RUBINSTEIN,
6 Raymond Buildings,
Gray Inn, WC1.
June 5.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 12: The President of Mexico this morning drove in St James's Palace in a Carriage Procession, accompanied by a Captain's Escort with Standard of the Household Cavalry, and received High Commissioners of the Commonwealth Countries and Ambassadors in London.

Señora de la Madrid this morning visited the Museum of Man and the Museum of Mankind (Miss Jean Rankine) and the Keeper of the Museum of Man (Mr Malcolm MacLeod).

Her Excellency later visited the Fabergé Exhibition in the Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace. The President of Mexico visited No 10 Downing Street where His Excellency had talks with the Prime Minister and, afterwards, with Señora de la Madrid, who was entertained at luncheon by the Prime Minister on behalf of Her Majesty's Government.

The President of Mexico this afternoon gave an interview to BBC Television at the Mexican Embassy, Belgrave Square, SW1, and, afterwards, with Señora de la Madrid, attended a Reception at the Embassy for the Mexican Community and members of the British Mexican Society.

The President of Mexico and Señora de la Madrid were entertained at a Banquet by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London at Guildhall.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present. Before the Banquet, a Court of Common Council was held and their Excellencies received an Address of Welcome.

The Queen received the Bishop of Winchester (the Right Reverend C. C. W. James) who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by the Viscount Whitlaw (Lord President of the Council) and did Homage upon his appointment. The Lord President of the Council administered the Oath.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells (the Right Reverend C. C. W. James) was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by the Viscount Whitlaw (Lord President of the Council) and did Homage upon his appointment.

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, was present this afternoon at a Garden Party given by the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards at Burton's Court.

Her Majesty was received by the Colonel of the Regiment (Major-General Sir George Burns) and the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Heywood) at the entrance to the Regiment's Barracks.

Lady Abel Smith, Sir William Heseltine and Captain Simon Holborow were in attendance. The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister) and First Lord of the Treasury, had an audience of the Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, visited the University today. His Royal Highness, attended by Brigadier Clive Robertson, travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this morning opened the Castle Morphet Borough Council Offices at Morphet, Northamptonshire.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight and was received at Newcastle Airport by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Northumberland (the Viscount Ridley).

In the afternoon, the Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips opened the housing developments of the Nomad Housing Group Ltd, and the Abbeyfield Society at Alwinton.

Mrs Richard Carver-Pole was in attendance. **CLARENCE HOUSE**
June 12: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, attended by the Lady Grimshole, Lady Elizabeth, Sir Martin Gilliat, Sir Alastair Aird and Captain James Lowther-Pinkerton, disembarked from HM Yacht Britannia at Portsmouth this afternoon.

Her Majesty returned to London in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight. Mr Patrick Campbell-Preston has succeeded Lady Elizabeth Basset as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 12: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, this morning presented the new Standard to the Regiment, in the Regiment's Tercentenary Year, at Tidworth, Hampshire.

His Royal Highness, attended by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller and Major Jack Stibb, travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight. The Princess of Wales this morning visited '336' at 336 Brixton Road, SW9.

Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN were in attendance. The Prince of Wales, President, the Prince's Trust, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, Patron, the British Deaf Association, this evening attended the premiere of the film *A View to a Kill*, in aid of the Trust and of the Association, at the Odeon Theatre, Leicester Square.

Mrs George West, Mr Victor Chapman and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 12: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, today visited the Prince of Wales Agricultural Society's Show at Malvern.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hereford and Worcester (Captain Thomas Dunne).

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, who travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Angus Blair and Major The Lord Napier and Etchell.

YORK HOUSE
June 12: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today visited Leyland Trucks, Leyland, Preston, and L. Gardner & Sons Limited, Eccles, Greater Manchester.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of 32 Squadron Royal Air Force, was accompanied by Captain Charles Blount.

The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, this evening took the Salute at the Evening Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Household Division on Horse Guards, Whitehall.

Captain Charles Blount was in attendance. The Duchess of Kent this evening attended the Annual General Meeting of the Greater London Standing Conference of Voluntary Youth Organizations at the Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, London SW1.

Mrs David Napier was in attendance. The Duke of Kent was today represented by Mr R. E. H. Haddingham at the Memorial Service for the late Mr A. J. Cooper at Kensington, Victoria Road, Kensington.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
June 12: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon. Angus Gilvray, this afternoon opened the Grosvenor House Antiques Fair at Grosvenor House, London W1.

Lady Angela Whitely was in attendance. A service of thanksgiving for the life and works of Lord George-Brown will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster, on Wednesday, June 26, at noon.

A memorial service for Sir Mark Aitken will be held today at noon at St Clement Danes, Strand.

A memorial service for Maurice Magill, QC, will be held at 5pm today at the Temple Church, Inner Temple.

A memorial meeting for James Cameron will be held at 7.15 today at the Royal Institution, Albemarle Street, W1.

British Rail moves with 'The Times'



Photograph: Warren Harrison

Mr Charles Douglas-Home, (pictured) editor of *The Times*, in a ceremony at Euston station, London, yesterday named a British Rail locomotive in celebration of the newspaper's bicentenary (writes Alan Hamilton).

The Times is now not only a 200-year-old journal, but also a class 86 electric engine plying the West Coast main line of the London Midland region, displaying on either flank a substantial cast metal nameplate bearing the title and coat of arms of the newspaper's masthead.

The locomotive, built in 1966 and with a two million miles behind it already, is not quite as venerable as the newspaper, founded when George Stephenson was but a child of four. But newspaper and railway have been inextricably linked at least since 1848, the first recorded date of *The Times* being distributed by train.

Mr Derek Fowler, vice-chairman of the British Railway Board, told guests on platform 19 that the two businesses had

been working together to mutual advantage for 150 years; in 1845 the "railway mania" had provided *The Times* with £5,000 of advertisements, and in that same year the newspaper had published a supplement exposing "railway fever". "There is", Mr Fowler said drily, "little chance of that happening now."

Mr Douglas-Home said that *The Times* and British Rail had had a long association. "The root of that association is that we are both communicators. The end product of all our endeavours is connection."

Locomotives, unlike ships, do not have champagne broken across their hulls, only velvet curtains on their sides parted to reveal the nameplate. *The Times* does not mind; in 1938 it had a cargo liner named *Delane* after one of its greatest nineteenth century editors.

Railway companies used to name whole classes after racehorses, or birds, or cities they served. Now British Rail takes a more

catholic approach, and there are too few new engines to satisfy the requests for names. Other newspapers riding the rails of the London Midland region include *Manchester Guardian*, *Liverpool Daily Post*, and *Birmingham Post*. *The Times* is expected to have a life of at least 25 more years before the locomotive is laid to rest.

After the ceremony British Rail presented the newspaper with an extra casting of the nameplate made at the BR Swindon works, which will be displayed at *The Times* offices. In return Mr Douglas-Home presented Mr Fowler and Mr Maurice Holmes, BR's director of operations, with limited-edition wooden toy trains produced to mark the bicentenary.

"It used to be a point of honour that any train one entered had a named engine at the front," Mr Douglas-Home said. Honour was satisfied as *The Times*, previously known as plain old 86429, went back to work at the front of the 14.05 from Euston to Birmingham New Street.

Forbes goes to work on \$1.7m Fabergé gold egg

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

A gold and enamel Easter egg, only eight inches high, made by Fabergé for Tsar Nicholas II was sold for \$1,760,000 (£1,375,000) at Sotheby's New York on Tuesday, by far the highest price ever paid for any object of art.

It was bought by Mr Malcolm Forbes, the collector and proprietor of *Forbes Magazine*. He has been collecting Fabergé since the 1960s and already owned 10 of the 54 Easter eggs made by Fabergé for the imperial family, exactly the same number as the Armory Museum of the Kremlin in Moscow.

As the auctioneer, Mr Gerard Hill, brought down his gavel he announced: "The score now stands at the Kremlin 10, Forbes 11". Mr Forbes asked to take the egg with him from the saleroom and, scoring the suggestion of wrapping paper, he marched out to his car with it. The egg went on display yesterday morning in the private museum he has established in the *Forbes Magazine* office building.

The first imperial Easter egg was

commissioned by Tsar Alexander III in 1885 and Fabergé continued to produce exotic eggs for his son, Nicholas. This one was made in 1900 as a gift from the Tsar to his wife, the Empress Alexandra, or to the Dowager Empress Marie.

It combines violet, blue and lilac enamel over textured gold, a clock face with diamond numerals, swags of golden foliage and fruit, and an engaging rooster who emerges on a golden platform on the top of the egg, flaps his wings and crows.

Only three other imperial eggs have appeared at auction over the past 50 years. This one was sold by Christie's in Geneva in 1973 for 620,000 francs, a paltry £80,000 at the time. It was bought by Mr and Mrs Bernard C. Solomon of Beverly Hills, California.

The three session sale of Russian works of art totalling £2.2 million with 10 per cent left unsold, the main features being recorded among the Russian emblems, Other Fabergé pieces were strongly competed for with a lapis-lazuli, gold and silver desk clock at \$44,000 (estimate

\$22,000) or \$34,375. Icons and porcelain also sold buoyantly with a Russian imperial porcelain wine cooler from the late eighteenth century, "Catherine Service" at \$2,430 (estimate \$600-\$800) or £1,827.

In London yesterday Sotheby's sale of Victorian painting and sculpture made £641,586 with 24 per cent left unsold. A set of four scenes from the Cheshire Hunt by George Goodwin Kilburne made the top price at £41,800 (estimate £20,000-£30,000).

At Phillips a sale of English and Continental ceramics and glass totalling £275,470 with six per cent left unsold. The top prices were secured by a collection of coloured Worcester porcelain.

Winifred Williams, the London dealer, paid £13,750 (estimate £4,000-£6,000) for a yellow ground coffee pot and cover of around 1738 and Mr and Mrs Zornitski, collectors from America, spent £12,650 (£3,500-£5,000) for a pair of large hexagonal vases of around 1770.

Marriages

Sir Christopher Lighton, Bt and Mrs Stephen Ram. The marriage took place quietly in Cranborne on May 30 1985 between Sir Christopher Lighton and Mrs Stephen Ram.

Mr V. Stewart and Miss D. Burston. The marriage took place on May 30 at Taos, New Mexico, on Mr V. Stewart, son of Mr Marco Steward of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Miss D. Burston, daughter of Mr and Mrs Diana Burston, of New Court, Colwall, Worcestershire.

Mr J. V. N. Tracey and Mrs D. F. Paulbrook. The marriage took place on June 7 in Tunbridge Wells of Mr Julian Tracey, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Tracey, of Tunbridge Wells, and Dr Nicole Paulbrook, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Paulbrook, of Port Erin, Isle of Man.

Birthdays today
Major Sir Ralph Amstutz, 66; Mr Alan Civil, 57; Sir Alan Clegg, 76; Mr David Curry, MEP, 41; Professor Inga-Stina Ewbank, 53; Sir Geoffrey Finsbury, MP, 59; Mr G. R. Howell, 47; Lord Hyton, 53; Mr Tom King, MP, 52; Sir Martin Gilliat, 42; Sir Francis Pearson, 74; Dr Barbara Reynolds, 71; Colonel Sir John Ruggles-Brise, 77; Dr B. Schofield, 89; Mr Peter Scudamore, 27; Sir Henry Studholme, 86; Mrs Mary Whitehouse, 75.

Latest appointments
Latest appointments include: Mr Patrick Evers, Ambassador to Zurich, to be additionally Ambassador (non-resident) to the Congo, in succession to Mr N. P. Payne, who has taken up an appointment in London.

Baroness Hooper
The barony conferred on Gloria Dorothy Hooper has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Hooper, of Liverpool and of St James's in the City of Westminster.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. Briggs and Miss N. O'Donnell. The engagement is announced between Robert, youngest son of Mr E. A. Briggs and his late wife, Mrs E. A. Briggs, of Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, and Joanne, Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr Gordon Connolly, of Cold Ash, Newbury, Berkshire, and Mrs June M. Newman, of Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire.

Mr D. C. Hodges and Miss J. P. Hoffmann. The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hodges, of Oxford, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Reinhard Hoffmann, of San Jose, California.

Mr J. G. Singer and Miss K. J. M. Elton Barratt. The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Dr and Mrs G. E. Singer, of Amberley, West Sussex, and Kate, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. S. Elton Barratt, of Little Hadham, Hertfordshire.

Mr J. C. Webb and Miss C. E. Ponsolle. The engagement is announced between James Cedric, son of Commander J. F. Webb, RN, (ret), OBE, and Mrs Webb, of Hemley, Oxfordshire, and Catherine, Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr Jean Ponsolle, Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, and Mme Ponsolle, of Madrid.

Mr Philip Corbridge, trust the chairman, will be the chairman of the ceremony, which will be held at the home of the bride, Mrs Corbridge, at 10, St James's Place, London W1. The bride is Miss Corbridge, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Corbridge, of 10, St James's Place, London W1. The groom is Mr Corbridge, son of Mr and Mrs Philip Corbridge, of 10, St James's Place, London W1.

Funeral
The funeral of the Dowager Lady Selkirk took place at St Mary's Church, Twickenham, on Monday, June 10, 1985. Bishop Alan Rogers officiated, assisted by the Rev Ian Selkirk, Canon of Ely, and the Rev Canon Selkirk, Canon of Ely. The burial took place in the family vault in the churchyard. The Rev Canon Selkirk, Canon of Ely, and the Rev Canon Selkirk, Canon of Ely, were in attendance.

Christening
The infant son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Matheson was christened Andrew William Fergus by the Rev Neville Thomas in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks on Sunday. The godparents are Mr Graham Simpson, Captain Willy Brown, Miss Isobel Matheson and Miss Caroline Vernon, for whom Mrs Philip Kerr stood proxy.

Science Report

Pushing forward the frontiers of microscopy

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

New types of microscopes were demonstrated yesterday at University College London, providing unique pictures of samples of metals, polymers fibres and biological materials by using small lasers and optical fibre light guides.

One instrument warms the sample of material or tissue under examination by using a weak beam of laser light, raising the temperature of the object's surface by little more than one hundredth of a degree centigrade. That is sufficient, with a special technique, to measure the infra-red radiation coming from the source and to convert it into an image on a display screen.

The method, known as photo-thermal imaging, is one of 12

research projects in which groups working with Professor Eric Ash, in the University's department of electronic and electrical engineering, are developing a range of instruments to fill the gap between classic high-powered light microscopes, and the electron microscope.

The new techniques, which are referred to as acoustic, displacement and optical imaging, and micro-non-destructive testing, are being tried in applications for industry and medical diagnosis. They will also be an show today.

Improvements of less than one nanometre (one hundred thousandth of a millimetre) can be identified with some of the equipment.

of a possible flaw or structure below the surface of a solid object presents difficulties even with novel forms of acoustic microscopy, which use an ultrasonic beam to penetrate a specimen.

University College, adopting an instrument described as using pulse compression acoustic microscopy with SAW filters, has found a way of isolating a reflection obtained from beneath a surface, which previously would have been masked by the large reflection from the surface.

The typical penetration depth is three millimetres, with a resolution of 100 microns. In the acoustic microscope, the laser light is employed to detect the pattern of vibrations in an object and an

analysis of the laser beam reveals the characteristics of the specimen. In the case of the device using SAW filters, the instrument is applying a method of analysing the different pulse sizes in a laser beam as a variation of a technique developed in radar systems, whereby a mixture of pulses is separated into those which identify an object or surface.

In addition to the microscopy work, other novel methods of non-destructive testing using laser and fibre-optic systems are being developed in the department's Wolfson Unit. One invention is for measuring pressure in a process, or pipeline system, in which electrical installations are precluded, either because of distances involved, or for safety reasons.

OBITUARY

MR JACK MORTON Service with Indian Police and MI5

Mr Jack Morton CMG, OBE, who died on June 7, at the age of 74, had a distinguished career in the Indian Police and the security services.

Born in India in 1911 he was educated at Bedford Modern School and joined the Indian Police in 1931. He had a varied experience as District Officer - he was awarded the Indian Police Medal for gallantry twice, in 1935 and 1940, - in the Special Branch of the CID and in the Central Intelligence Bureau.

In 1940 he was seconded to the Middle East where disaffection had taken hold of part of the Indian Army. He quickly traced this to a small number of Communist agitators and after a few trouble-makers were removed the problem ceased to exist.

He was appointed Chief of the Labour Police in 1945 and here his exceptional qualities of leadership were called upon in full measure, because this very large force had to face the fearful problems which arose from the approach of Indian Independence.

In 1947 Morton was transferred to MI5, from which in

the 1950s he was seconded to Malaya as Director of Intelligence under General Sir Gerald Templer. There he played a significant role in the defeat of the Communist inspired insurrection.

After Malaya he went to the Colonial Office to advise those colonies which were about to become independent on the setting up of their own security services.

After retirement he undertook several special assignments, including one to Northern Ireland to help reorganise the Special Branch of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. He also chaired the Civil Service Commission Board.

In recent years Morton made several television appearances in programmes connected with the British Empire. To those he sought to correct what he saw as the adverse impression conveyed by many of them and to show the dedication and compassion displayed by the great majority of those who served the Empire.

Morton's outstanding characteristic was his integrity. He married, in 1939, Leocora Sale.

MR NORMAN CLARIDGE

Norman Claridge, the actor, who has died aged 81, had been in the theatre for 60 years. He began with an important formative period in Sir Frank Benson's touring company, and later went from Sir Barry Jackson's management to a variegated progress, most often in the West End.

A splendid supporting player, handsome, ready, and accomplished he appeared with the young Laurence Olivier, Godfrey Tearle, and Cedric Hardwicke and Wilfrid Lawson. He played Robert Donat, Alastair Sim, and Michael Redgrave, and he moved between the Devon rustics of Eden Phillpotts, a 19th Century Archbishop of Canterbury and an Editor of the *Times* in *Portrait of a Queen* (1965).

Born in London on August 29, 1903, he acted at first under the name of Eric Norman during Frank Benson's final period as a manager; he was known then as "the young man who likes heavy parts".

Following his role in Tennyson's *Harold* for Barry Jackson (Court 1928), he had a period in Birmingham when he played

Macduff in a modern dress *Macbeth*, and later returned to London in three Philipotts comedies. He was in the West End *Gallows Glorious* (1933); he succeeded Robert Donat as the artist Edward Earle in James Bridie and Claud Gurney's *Cannoo-and-Cutlass* drama *Mary Read* (1935); and his parts in the next few years included (for a while at the Whitehall and on tour) Anthony in *St John Ervine's Anthony and Anne*, Shawcross in *Audrey and Isherwood's The Ascent of F6* (1937), and Laertes in *Hamlet* (Westminster 1937).

He joined the Bristol Old Vic company (1946-7); played one of the businessmen in Tyrone Guthrie's *Top of the Ladder* (St James 1950), and in 1957, at the Lyric, Hamlet, acted in *The Master of Santiago* and *Malatesta* during Donald Wolfit's Moortheatrical season.

In the political comedy, *Number Ten* (1967) he was, impressively, an admiral; and he appeared in William Trevor's *The Old Boys* (Mermaid 1971). He had also worked for the BBC Drama Repertory Co.

Claridge was married to Beatrice Mary Archdale.

VLADIMIR JANKÉLEVITCH

Vladimir Jankélévitch, the French philosopher, died on June 6. He was 81.

Jankélévitch was one of the outstanding figures of the broader vision of French Existentialism. He came from a Russian family which found refuge in France after the pogroms of the 1930s and was born in Bourges in 1903. He was, consequently, bilingual and also had a broad knowledge of Greek and Judeo-Christian methods of thought.

His teaching was characterised by a constant concern for tolerance and the rejection of all ready-made ideas and authoritative modes of thought.

In addition to his major philosophical works *L'Éternité à la bonhe conscience*, *La Philosophie première* and *La mort*, he also wrote on French music, publishing books on Fauré, Ravel and Debussy.

BARONESS EVERSHED

Baroness Evershed, OBE, FSA, widow of Lord Evershed, formerly Master of the Rolls died on May 26.

She played an active role in the life of west Norfolk, as a magistrate for twenty years on the Downham Market Bench and in the task of preservation.

From 1950 she was President of the Kings Lynn Civic Trust and eight years later she founded and became Chairman of the Kings Lynn Preservation Trust. Under her stewardship seven projects were completed.

MR HU FENG

Mr Hu Feng, a Chinese literary critic who was arrested and imprisoned in 1955 for advocating intellectual freedom, and who was rehabilitated in 1980, died in Peking on June 8 at the age of 83.

He was a Marxist literary critic, essayist, poet and thinker. A disciple of Lu Xun, the well-known writer, he collaborated with him in the 1930s in organizing leftist intellectuals in Shanghai and backed the

Communists up to their takeover of power in 1949.

He then, however, became the fast of such sympathizers to oppose Mao Tse-tung's doctrine that literature should serve political aims.

Mao accused him of being a counter-revolutionary, and in 1955, he was stripped of his posts, arrested and imprisoned.

His rehabilitation became known in 1981.

European Symposium on The Care of Disabled People - Residence or Residential Care?

Specialised papers will be read and discussed at the Drapers' Hall, London EC2, on 10th and 11th October, 1985. Sponsors: the EEC and the Development Trust for the Young Disabled. Chairmen and speakers are as follows:-

10th Oct. His Grace the Duke of Devonshire	UK
Chairman: Sir Brian Windleyer	UK
Dr J. Wedgwood	UK
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Dr A. Klappwijk	Netherlands
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Dr P. Dollfus	France
Dr J. Frederiksen	Denmark
Dr M. W. Ribbe	Netherlands
11th Oct. Chairman: Dr A. Klappwijk	Netherlands
Prof. K. A. Jochheim	W Germany
Dr J. E. Harrison	UK
Dr E. G. Cantrell	UK
Chairman: Dr J. Wedgwood	UK
Dr J. M. Michels	Netherlands
Dr L. McAndrew	UK
Air Commodore D. E. Rixon	UK

The registration fee of £50 includes morning coffee, lunch, and afternoon tea. The proceedings will be published and made available to all. Applications to: Air Commodore D. E. Rixon, OBE DFC AFC, Director, The Development Trust for the Young Disabled, Royal Hospital & Home for Incurables, West Hill, Putney, London SW15 3SK.

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10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

Prospective real redemption yield on projected inflation rate (RPI) of (a) 5% and (b) 10%

1985 High 1985 Low Company Price Change Price % P E

UNDATED

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

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1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares slide

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, June 3. Dealings End, June 14. Contango Day, June 17. Settlement Day, June 24.
Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

BUILDING AND ROADS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

FINANCE AND LAND

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

FOODS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

HOTELS AND CATERERS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

INDUSTRIALS A-D

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

ELECTRICALS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

OIL

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERTISING

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

PROPERTY

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

SHIPPING

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low	Company	1985 High	1985 Low
100.00	98.00	British Airways	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80
10.00	9.50	British Telecom	10.00	9.50	Woolworth	1.00	0.80

SHOES AND LEATHER

139	139	British Airways	110	110	4.0	4.0
138	138	British Telecom	109	109	4.0	4.0
137	137	British Telecom	108	108	4.0	4.0
136	136	British Telecom	107	107	4.0	4.0
135	135	British Telecom	106	106	4.0	4.0
134	134	British Telecom	105	105	4.0	4.0
133	133	British Telecom	104	104	4.0	4.0
132	132	British Telecom	103	103	4.0	4.0
131	131	British Telecom	102	102	4.0	4.0
130	130	British Telecom	101	101	4.0	4.0
129	129	British Telecom	100	100	4.0	4.0
128	128	British Telecom	99	99	4.0	4.0
127	127	British Telecom	98	98	4.0	4.0
126	126	British Telecom	97	97	4.0	4.0
125	125	British Telecom	96	96	4.0	4.0
124	124	British Telecom	95	95	4.0	4.0
123	123	British Telecom	94	94	4.0	4.0
122	122	British Telecom	93	93	4.0	4.0
121	121	British Telecom	92	92	4.0	4.0
120	120	British Telecom	91	91	4.0	4.0
119	119	British Telecom	90	90	4.0	4.0
118	118	British Telecom	89	89	4.0	4.0
117	117	British Telecom	88	88	4.0	4.0
116	116	British Telecom	87	87	4.0	4.0
115	115	British Telecom	86	86	4.0	4.0
114	114	British Telecom	85	85	4.0	4.0
113	113	British Telecom	84	84	4.0	4.0
112	112	British Telecom	83	83	4.0	4.0
111	111	British Telecom	82	82	4.0	4.0
110	110	British Telecom	81	81	4.0	4.0
109	109	British Telecom	80	80	4.0	4.0
108	108	British Telecom	79	79	4.0	4.0
107	107	British Telecom	78	78	4.0	4.0
106	106	British Telecom	77	77	4.0	4.0
105	105	British Telecom	76	76	4.0	4.0
104	104	British Telecom	75	75	4.0	4.0
103	103	British Telecom	74	74	4.0	4.0
102	102	British Telecom	73	73	4.0	4.0
101	101	British Telecom	72	72	4.0	4.0
100	100	British Telecom	71	71	4.0	4.0
99	99	British Telecom	70	70	4.0	4.0
98	98	British Telecom	69	69	4.0	4.0
97	97	British Telecom	68	68	4.0	4.0
96	96	British Telecom	67	67	4.0	4.0
95	95	British Telecom	66	66	4.0	4.0
94	94	British Telecom	65	65	4.0	4.0
93	93	British Telecom	64	64	4.0	4.0
92	92	British Telecom	63	63	4.0	4.0
91	91	British Telecom	62	62	4.0	4.0
90	90	British Telecom	61	61	4.0	4.0
89	89	British Telecom	60	60	4.0	4.0
88	88	British Telecom	59	59	4.0	4.0
87	87	British Telecom	58	58	4.0	4.0
86	86	British Telecom	57	57	4.0	4.0
85	85	British Telecom	56	56	4.0	4.0
84	84	British Telecom	55	55	4.0	4.0
83	83	British Telecom	54	54	4.0	4.0
82	82	British Telecom	53	53	4.0	4.0
81	81	British Telecom	52	52	4.0	4.0
80	80	British Telecom	51	51	4.0	4.0
79	79	British Telecom	50	50	4.0	4.0
78	78	British Telecom	49	49	4.0	4.0
77	77	British Telecom	48	48	4.0	4.0
76	76	British Telecom	47	47	4.0	4.0
75	75	British Telecom	46	46	4.0	4.0
74	74	British Telecom	45	45	4.0	4.0
73	73	British Telecom	44	44	4.0	4.0
72	72	British Telecom	43	43	4.0	4.0
71	71	British Telecom	42	42	4.0	4.0
70	70	British Telecom	41	41	4.0	4.0
69	69	British Telecom	40	40	4.0	4.0
68	68	British Telecom	39	39	4.0	4.0
67	67	British Telecom	38	38	4.0	4.0
66	66	British Telecom	37	37	4.0	4.0
65	65	British Telecom	36	36	4.0	4.0
64	64	British Telecom	35	35	4.0	4.0
63	63	British Telecom	34	34	4.0	4.0
62	62	British Telecom	33	33	4.0	4.0
61	61	British Telecom	32	32	4.0	4.0
60	60	British Telecom	31	31	4.0	4.0
59	59	British Telecom	30	30	4.0	4.0
58	58	British Telecom	29	29	4.0	4.0
57	57	British Telecom	28	28	4.0	4.0
56	56	British Telecom	27	27	4.0	4.0
55	55	British Telecom	26	26	4.0	4.0
54	54	British Telecom	25	25	4.0	4.0
53	53	British Telecom	24	24	4.0	4.0
52	52	British Telecom	23	23	4.0	4.0
51	51	British Telecom	22	22	4.0	4.0
50	50	British Telecom	21	21	4.0	4.0
49	49	British Telecom	20	20	4.0	4.0
48	48	British Telecom	19	19	4.0	4.0
47	47	British Telecom	18	18	4.0	4.0
46	46	British Telecom	17	17	4.0	4.0
45	45	British Telecom	16	16	4.0	4.0
44	44	British Telecom	15	15	4.0	4.0
43	43	British Telecom	14	14	4.0	4.0
42	42	British Telecom	13	13	4.0	4.0
41	41	British Telecom	12	12	4.0	4.0
40	40	British Telecom	11	11	4.0	4.0
39	39	British Telecom	10	10	4.0	4.0
38	38	British Telecom	9	9	4.0	4.0
37	37	British Telecom	8	8	4.0	4.0
36	36	British Telecom	7	7	4.0	4.0
35	35	British Telecom	6	6	4.0	4.0
34	34	British Telecom	5	5	4.0	4.0
33	33	British Telecom	4	4	4.0	4.0
32	32	British Telecom	3	3	4.0	4.0
31	31	British Telecom	2	2	4.0	4.0
30	30	British Telecom	1	1	4.0	4.0
29	29	British Telecom	0	0	4.0	4.0
28	28	British Telecom	-1	-1	4.0	4.0
27	27	British Telecom	-2	-2	4.0	4.0
26	26	British Telecom	-3	-3	4.0	4.0
25	25	British Telecom	-4	-4	4.0	4.0
24	24	British Telecom	-5	-5	4.0	4.0
23	23	British Telecom	-6	-6	4.0	4.0
22	22	British Telecom	-7	-7	4.0	4.0
21	21	British Telecom	-8	-8	4.0	4.0
20	20	British Telecom	-9	-9	4.0	4.0
19	19	British Telecom	-10	-10	4.0	4.0
18	18	British Telecom	-11	-11	4.0	4.0
17	17	British Telecom	-12	-12	4.0	4.0
16	16	British Telecom	-13	-13	4.0	4.0
15	15	British Telecom	-14	-14	4.0	4.0
14	14	British Telecom	-15	-15	4.0	4.0
13	13	British Telecom	-16	-16	4.0	4.0
12	12	British Telecom	-17	-17	4.0	4.0
11	11	British Telecom	-18	-18	4.0	4.0
10	10	British Telecom	-19	-19	4.0	4.0
9	9	British Telecom	-20	-20	4.0	4.0
8	8	British Telecom	-21	-21	4.0	4.0
7	7	British Telecom	-22	-22	4.0	4.0
6	6	British Telecom	-23	-23	4.0	4.0
5	5	British Telecom	-24	-24	4.0	4.0
4	4	British Telecom	-25	-25	4.0	4.0
3	3	British Telecom	-26	-26	4.0	4.0
2	2	British Telecom	-27	-27	4.0	4.0
1	1	British Telecom	-28	-28	4.0	4.0
0	0	British Telecom	-29	-29	4.0	4.0
-1	-1	British Telecom	-30	-30	4.0	4.0
-2	-2	British Telecom	-31	-31	4.0	4.0
-3	-3	British Telecom	-32	-32	4.0	4.0
-4	-4	British Telecom	-33	-33	4.0	4.0
-5	-5	British Telecom	-34	-34	4.0	4.0
-6	-6	British Telecom	-35	-35	4.0	4.0
-7	-7	British Telecom	-36	-36	4.0	4.0
-8	-8	British Telecom	-37	-37	4.0	4.0
-9	-9	British Telecom	-38	-38	4.0	4.0
-10	-10	British Telecom	-39	-39	4.0	4.0
-11	-11	British Telecom	-40	-40	4.0	4.0
-12	-12	British Telecom	-41	-41	4.0	4.0
-13	-13	British Telecom	-42	-42	4.0	4.0
-14	-14	British Telecom	-43	-43	4.0	4.0
-15	-15	British Telecom	-44	-44	4.0	4.0
-16	-16	British Telecom	-45	-45	4.0	4.0
-17	-17	British Telecom	-46	-46	4.0	4.0
-18	-18	British Telecom	-47	-47	4.0	4.0
-19	-19	British Telecom	-48	-48	4.0	4.0
-20	-20	British Telecom	-49	-49	4.0	4.0
-21	-21	British Telecom	-50	-50	4.0	4.0
-22	-22	British Telecom	-51	-51	4.0	4.0
-23	-23	British Telecom	-52	-52	4.0	4.0
-24	-24	British Telecom	-53	-53	4.0	4.0
-25	-25	British Telecom	-54	-54	4.0	4.0
-26	-26	British Telecom	-55	-55	4.0	4.0
-27	-27	British Telecom	-56	-56	4.0	4.0
-28	-28	British Telecom	-57	-57	4.0	4.0
-29	-29	British Telecom	-58	-58	4.0	4.0
-30	-30	British Telecom	-59	-59	4.0	4.0
-31	-31	British Telecom	-60	-60	4.0	4.0
-32	-32	British Telecom	-61	-61	4.0	4.0
-33	-33	British Telecom	-62	-62	4.0	4.0
-34	-34	British Telecom	-63	-63	4.0	4.0
-35	-35	British Telecom	-64	-64	4.0	4.0
-36	-36	British Telecom	-65	-65	4.0	4.0
-37	-37	British Telecom	-66	-66	4.0	4.0
-38	-38	British Telecom	-67	-67	4.0	4.0
-39	-39	British Telecom	-68	-68	4.0	4.0
-40	-40	British Telecom	-69	-69	4.0	4.0
-41	-41	British Telecom	-70	-70	4.0	4.0
-42	-42	British Telecom	-71	-71	4.0	4.0
-43	-43	British Telecom	-72	-72	4.0	4.0
-44	-44	British Telecom	-73	-73	4.0	4.0
-45	-45	British Telecom	-74	-74	4.0	4.0
-46	-46	British Telecom	-75	-75	4.0	4.0
-47	-47	British Telecom	-76	-76	4.0	4.0
-48	-48	British Telecom	-77	-77	4.0	4.0
-49	-49	British Telecom	-78	-78	4.0	4.0
-50	-50	British Telecom	-79	-79	4.0	4.0
-51	-51	British Telecom	-80	-80	4.0	4.0
-52	-52	British Telecom	-81	-81	4.0	4.0
-53	-53	British Telecom	-82	-82	4.0	4.0
-54	-54	British Telecom	-83	-83	4.0	4.0
-55	-55	British Telecom	-84	-84	4.0	4.0
-56	-56	British Telecom	-85	-85	4.0	4.0
-57	-57	British Telecom	-86	-86	4.0	4.0
-58	-58	British Telecom	-87	-87	4.0	4.0
-59	-59	British Telecom	-88	-88	4.0	4.0
-60	-60	British Telecom	-89	-89	4.0	4.0
-61	-61	British Telecom	-90	-90	4.0	4.0
-62	-62	British Telecom	-91	-91	4.0	4.0
-63	-63	British Telecom	-92	-92	4.0	4.0
-64	-64	British Telecom	-93	-93	4.0	4.0
-65	-65	British Telecom	-94	-94	4.0	4.0
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Carry on competing now
that base rates are tidy

The trimming of base rates - Barclays and Midland cut theirs by a quarter of a point yesterday - has brought the four big clearing banks into line at 12.5 per cent. This tidying-up was delayed last week by a shiver of market worries about oil prices, which weakened the pound. No one can seriously doubt the present dominance of the exchange rate in interest-rate policy. This week, the pound has been steadier, and money market interest rates inched down one-eighth of a point yesterday. So Barclays made its move, followed swiftly by Midland.

There was of course, some theoretical justification for the cut in domestic monetary behaviour. As Barclays put it yesterday, last week's announcement of a mere 0.5 per cent rise in sterling M3 made a quarter point reduction "appropriate". But even the Bank of England does not pretend that growth in the broad money aggregates is properly under control; only the Chancellor of the Exchequer reacts when the Bank states this obvious truth in public.

Meanwhile, Midland Bank has given a further nudge to personal borrowing by raising the limits on its mortgage-loans. At present Midland is lending only about £30 million a month to home-buyers; it intends to boost this substantially. The bank will now lend up to 90 per cent of the value of the property, rather than 80 per cent, and borrowers are allowed up to three times their gross salary, rather than 2½ times. Joint applicants may borrow three times the higher salary, or twice their combined income; and the maximum of £150,000 is also being abolished.

This will take the Midland further up-market, but building societies are not short of business at the lower end. Indeed, their shortage of funds is such that they are unlikely to cut rates until bank base rates fall another point. So a mortgage rate cut is unlikely before the end of the summer.

Although bank base rates are now fully in line after a two-month gap, differences still remain in deposit rates. Barclays cut its seven-day deposit rate from 7.25 to 7 per cent; but Midland, whose rate was already at 7 per cent, also cut by a quarter of a point to 6.75 per cent. The return of uncompetitive uniformity still looks unlikely.

Globe keeps moving
and prospers

From outside the City, investment trusts can look like sleepy havens for superannuated slickers, burdened with expensive life-style. Within the City, the view is frequently the same. But there are many exceptions. Globe for example, Britain's largest quoted trust with £744 million under management, which has amply demonstrated how successful the bright-eyed and bushy-tailed approach can be.

Scorning the "sector weighting" beloved of academics, Globe looks for special situations in the UK with good management. Globe still likes Hanson Trust, although managing director Colin Black wonders how much longer the Hanson-White team can keep it. Globe has stakes in both Jimmy Galloway's Argyll Group and Alec Monk's Bee Corporation had few complaints about either.

In contrast John Barkshire, of Mercantile House, might be feeling uneasy. Although Globe is still showing a profit on its holdings, the shares fell 38 per cent relative to the market last year, and, as poor performers, occupy too much space (6 per cent) in the portfolio for comfort.

Watching Debenham, Jimmy West, who runs the United Kingdom portfolio, is sitting close to the edge of his seat. He can hardly believe his luck. Globe scored with its House of Fraser investment, which showed a profit of around £15 million. Now a similar situation has developed at Debenham, and Globe's 4.75 million shares are showing a book profit of around £15 million. Time to sell? Mr West is playing his cards close to his chest.

Broadly, Globe is hoping to see a further 50p a share on the table from the press of interested parties. Would Globe take Burton's paper? Perhaps, although the house view does not take in Burton among favourite neighbourhood stores.

A management buy-out, where Globe specializes? The answer is crisp and uncompromising. Robert Thornton, Debenham's chairman, has done a smart job getting the share price up, but the group has underperformed as a trading concern. "We would need to make certain that any management buy-out was not just promises, promises", was Mr West's comment.

Globe sounds equally aggressive about its world portfolio strategy. According to Colin Black, the US has barely woken up to the scale of recession in America. Output should be flat for the rest of the year. Hence a series of interest rate cuts from Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, might be on the way to get up the economy. This in turn would provoke a substantial equity boom.

Currently Globe has a two-way strategy. It has invested heavily in US bonds, doubling the published stake of £16.7 million since the end of March. It has also hedged its bond holdings by borrowing in US dollars, netting three points on the spinning yield quite apart from capital gains. The moment may not be long delayed when Globe switches out of bonds, liquidates the gearing and buys "junk" US equities - quality shares which have recently taken a pounding.

Globe is also eyeing Japan and neglected blue-chips. The scale of the US current account deficit suggests that Japanese majors would benefit handsomely from any moves to reflate the US economy.

Do not gag the
journalist

While Michael Montague, in his private capacity, was hosting a lunch for financial journalists yesterday his guests were unprepared for the bomb surprise. Wearing his other hat as chairman of the National Consumer Council, Mr Montague issued the NCC's response to the Government's White Paper on financial services.

The NCC's broad complaint is that the White Paper does not go far enough to protect the personal investor. Specifically it singles out for tougher treatment solicitors, accountants, bank managers - and financial journalists.

The White Paper claims that solicitors and accountants are already adequately supervised by their professional bodies, a notion the NCC rejects. As for bank managers, one of the most widespread sources of personal investment advice, they are not mentioned at all in the White Paper. In the NCC's view they should be brought within the legislation, an argument it is hard to reject.

The NCC's thrust is that there should be much stronger provision for compensating investors who suffer because they have been given bad advice, or at least advice which is fraudulent or incompetent. In this context, the council says, it is not enough to supervise only journalists who write for tipsters, the limit of the White Paper's intent.

The principle may have something to commend it, but not much, if adopted in law, it would inevitably alter the nature of what is published. The temptation would be to refrain from giving anything which could be construed as advice, if newspapers or the journalists themselves were liable to face claims for compensation. For all their faults (and they have their quota), financial journalists as a group provide the only disinterested investment guidance available to savers and investors. The restrictions under which they already labour, for example our harsh libel laws, should be reduced not augmented in pursuit of some tidy bureaucratic ideal.

Abbey Life rush brings fears
of money market disruption

By Richard Thomson

The share flotation of 48 per cent of Abbey Life, Britain's second largest unit-linked life insurance company, was hugely oversubscribed when the application list closed at 10.00am yesterday.

Demand for the shares looks certain to push their price up from the 180p offer price to the substantial premium of up to 30p forecast by stockbrokers.

Hundreds of investors packed into Midland Bank's Peppys Street offices yesterday morning to put in last minute applications. Mr Bill Boss, a director of S G Warburg, the merchant bank handling the flotation, said: "There are a very large number of applications, but it is too soon to say by how much the issue is oversubscribed".

There was talk in the City of

an oversubscription of about 10 times the £241 million being raised by the flotation. Some put the amount of money involved at about £5 billion, leading to fears of a temporary disruption of the short-term market.

The shares are being sold by Abbey Life's owner ITT, the US conglomerate. It is the largest ever primary share issue in the private sector, putting an overall price tag of £504m on Abbey Life.

Abbey has reserved 10 per cent of the shares for its 4,500 employees.

The huge oversubscription is likely to lead to accusations that Warburg priced the shares too cheaply. When the price was announced last week observers noted that it represented a value of 15 times Abbey's forecast

earnings for the year, compared with a value of 21 times projected earnings paid by BAT Industries for Hambro Life last year.

The issue has attracted strong interest from private investors whom Mr Michael Hephner, Abbey Life chairman, has encouraged to apply for shares. Many will now not receive any shares. But some analysts expect the shares to soar as high as 230p when dealing starts next Wednesday.

Details of the basis of allotment of shares are likely to be announced today. The processing of applications was continuing late last night.

Interest in Abbey Life shares has been stimulated by the company's strong growth record over the last four years and by a

sharp rise in other life insurance stocks.

However, most life assurance stocks fell back by several pence yesterday on profit-taking. Abbey Life will be the only unit-linked life company quoted on the stock market.

It is the first life assurance company share offering for nine years.

The flotation was given a further boost by last week's green paper on social security reforms which proposes to transfer much of the Government's responsibility for providing pensions to the private sector with the abolition of the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme.

ITT has promised not to sell any of its residual 52 per cent shareholding in the company for at least one year.

Accountancy standards likely
to be tightened at BankBy Peter Wilson-Smith
Banking Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, is expected to announce important changes to banking supervision next week with a statement to Parliament on the results of the review carried out in the wake of the Johnson Matthey Bankers' bail-out.

The Bank of England will the same day publish its annual report, containing the first official count of what went wrong at JMB, and of the rescue. There is still no evidence that fraud within JMB contributed to the £245 million of loan losses and the Bank's version of events is likely to reveal a sorry tale of mismanagement, imprudent lending and incompetence.

The review of banking supervision is believed to include proposals for legislative change to allow bank auditors to talk to supervisors at the Bank of England, bolstering of the Bank supervisory department including the introduction of more accountancy expertise and a series of other measures



Lawson: statement next week

to help improve monitoring of the banking system.

The Bank of England's informal and flexible approach to banking supervision, however, is likely to remain broadly unchanged. There is not expected to be any move towards the kind of inspection system which supervisors carry out in some other countries.

The review, which is also to

be published, was set in train by the Chancellor in December, and it has been carried out by a committee chaired by Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, and comprising senior Bank and Treasury officials including Mr Peter Middleton, permanent secretary.

The committee's brief was to look into the supervisory lessons to be drawn from the JMB affair rather than conduct a post-mortem. Among the other changes to supervision expected to emerge are requiring auditors to check the regular financial returns which banks have to make to the Bank of England.

There is also a strong likelihood that the present distinction between recognized banks and licensed deposit-takers laid down in the 1979 Banking Act will be abolished. This was recommended by the Finance Houses Association which yesterday published its evidence to the review committee.

CEGB chief
outlines
nuclear
plant optionsFrom David Young
Athens

Three options are now available when nuclear power stations reach the end of their life, Mr Alan Gregory, head of nuclear decommissioning for the Central Electricity Generating Board, said yesterday.

The first is complete dismantlement after 15 years, and the other two involved leaving reactors untouched for between 50 and 100 years to allow radioactivity to decay, and these two were favoured by many countries.

Mr Gregory told the International Union of Electricity Producers and Distributors in Athens. "It may be said that since the reality is still many years away it is not necessary to address these points, but important decisions are now being made in relation to funding, waste disposal sites, designs of waste containers and transport regulations, all of which reflect on reactor design."

Mr Gregory said that the most complete dismantling projects now planned were the advanced gas-cooled reactor (AGR) at Sellafield, Cumbria, and the American pressurized water reactor (PWR) at Shippingport, Pennsylvania.

Mr Gregory said that there were 75 nuclear power stations throughout the world which had been taken out of service.

Most of the reactors had had their fuel removed and were awaiting the next stage of dismantling, and one in France was about to be turned into a museum.

Existing technology, the conference was told, could be used to dismantle nuclear power stations.

The producers and distributors were also told of the contribution that nuclear power had played in January when Europe was hit with two waves of exceptionally cold weather, and while Britain's power stations were being badly affected by the miners' strike.

A paper submitted to the conference showed that the cold spells, on January 7 and 8 and on January 15 and 16, were exceptional.

Intex \$5m
placing in
the balanceBy Michael Prest
and Clare Dobie

Intex, the computerized commodity trading system based in Bermuda, is most unlikely to make a significant profit for another two years, and even that projection depends on very uncertain assumptions about contract volume, according to the document supporting a \$5 million (3.0 million) private share placing.

Yesterday afternoon the success of the placing, which would provide Intex with much needed working capital, still hung in the balance. None of the company's main shareholders, including Dominion International, which holds 25 per cent of Intex, will subscribe to the new issue.

But should the placing proceed at \$4 a share, a figure which the placing document describes as arbitrary, Dominion's stake will fall to 19 per cent. Since Dominion bought its holding for \$3.05 a share last year it may be encouraged to reduce its commitment further.

The offer document, issued by Samuel Montagu, projects a pre-tax loss for Intex of \$2.8 million during the year to June 30, followed by a profit of \$900,000 over the next 12 months and a bigger profit of \$15 million during the year to the end of June 1987.

These results assume a sharp rise in the volume of contracts traded. Intex's gold futures and freight futures contract volumes could increase from a daily average of 406 and 1,450 respectively in 1985-86 to 590 and 5,030 in 1986-87.

Projections for volume in the projections for volume in the Financial News Composite Index, an American stock market index, due to be introduced later this year.

Tarmac abandons
Plascom flotation

By Jeremy Warner

Tarmac, the quarrying and housebuilding group, has abandoned indefinitely plans to float off its oil and gas subsidiary, Plascom, because of the slump in oil shares.

The flotation, which was expected to put a price tag of more than £50 million on the company, had been due this month.

Mr Graeme Odgers, Tarmac's finance director, said Tarmac still believed there was merit in giving Plascom a measure of independence and access to external sources of capital through a stock market quote. However, he added, it would not hurt the company if the plans were shelved for the time being.

The postponement will nevertheless come as a disappointment to Mr David Hooker, who moved in as full-time managing director of Plascom

when his previous company, Candocca Resources, was taken over by Trafalgar House for £79 million 18 months ago.

Mr Odgers said market conditions for a quote were not appropriate and that Tarmac had recently "put a lot of new capital into the company" removing the immediate need for extra financial resources.

Tarmac first became involved in the oil and gas business in the 1960s, when it took a stake in the Hewitt gas field with Phillips. During 1983 it agreed with British Gas to appraise and develop the Audrey gas field and also agreed to purchase a 0.25 per cent stake in the British Petroleum Forties field. In addition, Plascom has interests in off-shore acreage in other parts of the North Sea, both in the British and Dutch sectors and on-shore in the United States.

Package 'to
cut jobless
by 750,000'By Our Economics
Correspondent

An employment package of the type outlined by the pressure group Career for Jobs could cut unemployment by 750,000 without causing higher inflation, according to Cambridge Econometrics.

The assessment, by Mr William Peterson and Mr David Turner, is based on a package that would include:

- An increase of 500,000 jobs in the Community Programme.
- A sustained 20 per cent rise in public investment.
- A halving of employers' National Insurance contributions.

According to the authors this would result in a reduction in adult unemployment to 2.2 million by 1990. The extra employment would come mainly in the Community Programme, although 200,000 new jobs are expected to be created in construction, 150,000 in services and 100,000 in manufacturing.

The authors emphasize the complementary nature of the package. Whereas an expansion of the Community Programme on its own would add 1.5 to 2.0 percentage points to the inflation rates, the reduction in National Insurance contributions would offset this, the authors say.

The package would initially reduce inflation compared with baseline projections, by 0.3 percentage points in 1986, before settling to an unchanged inflation rate in 1990.

The main cost of the package would be in a higher public sector borrowing requirement. The PSBR would rise to 4 per cent of gross domestic product by 1990.

IN BRIEF
'Think small'
campaign

Small businesses should have at least a 10 per cent slice of government purchasing business, according to Mr Michael Willey whose appointment was announced yesterday as director of the newly created Central Unit on Purchasing.

The unit aims to persuade government departments to adopt more commercial attitudes to buying goods and services. Government purchasing, aside from military spending, accounts for £8 billion a year. A Cabinet office has pointed to potential savings of at least £400 million by April 1987.

Gas adviser

Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, has appointed Slaughter and Ay to provide legal advice to the Government on the privatization of the British Gas Corporation.

Pilkington rise

Pilkington the glass manufacturer, increased pretax profits from £88.3 million to £116 million in the year to March. Sales rose from £1,214.4 million to £1,226.9 million. The dividend for the year is up from 11.5p to 12.5p.

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Tesco surge

Tesco increased pretax profits for the year February 23 to £81.3 million from £67.4 million. Turnover, including VAT, rose to £3,176.7 million from £3,174.4 million. A final dividend of 3.1p makes 4.85p for the year, against 4.1p last time.

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British Telecom is to buy and take over the running of the Visionhire cable distribution system in the City, subject to ratification by the City of London Corporation. BT will pay £250,000 for the system, installed two years ago to distribute television and radio services to 2,000 homes on the Barbican Estate.

Beecham ahead

Beecham, the pharmaceutical and consumer products company, lifted pretax profits from £268 million to £306 million in the year to March 31. Turnover was up from £1,944 million to £2,289 million, and the dividend is raised to 11.3p from 10.2p.

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Bassett rise

Bassett Foods, the sweets manufacturer, increased pretax profits for the year to March from £2.4 million to £2.8 million - a little below expectations. The shares eased 7p to 181p.

Reed purchase

Reed International is acquiring R. R. Bowker, a New York book and periodical publisher which made pretax profits of £6.3 million last year on sales of £3.3 million. Bowker, will be merged with Reed's Cahners Publishing operation.

Woolwich deal

The Woolwich Building Society is to take over the North Kent Building Society on December 31. North Kent, which has seven branches, had assets of £56 million at December 31, 1984.

Guinness to
buy 150
newsagents

By Our City Staff

Barker & Dobson, the troubled confectionery group, is selling its 150-shop Lewis Meeson chain of newsagents to Guinness, the brewing group, for £10 million in cash.

The deal brings to 860 the number of retail outlets owned by Guinness which sees CTNs (confectioners, Tobacconists and Newsagents), as convenience shopping newsagents are known in the trade, as a big growth area for the group.

Last year, Lewis Meeson lost about £2 million, but Guinness is confident that it can swiftly turn the shops round to achieve the kind of returns made by its existing chain.

Barker's directors said in March that results for 1984 were likely to show a loss of about £1.5 million because of a "lack of management control" in the retail division. On the stock market yesterday, Barker & Dobson shares were unchanged at 11½ by the announcement.

The exact consideration to be paid by Guinness, is to be determined by a formula which attributes £12.75 million to the fixed assets and goodwill of the shops.

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ECGD shake-up urged

By Our City Staff

Management changes and closer links between performance and pay are among the recommendations in a review of the Export Credits Guarantee Department published yesterday.

The review team was drawn partly from within the ECGD, from the Treasury and from management consultants.

Coopers & Lybrand. It was appointed last November by Mr Paul Channon, Minister for Trade, to consider the scope for change in the management of the department after the Government's decision not to privatise the ECGD.

The review finds the present senior management structure does not work effectively.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	984.0 (-14.4)
FT-A All Share	625.39 (-6.61)
FT Govt Securities	81.66 (+0.08)
FT-SE 100	1291.4 (-16.7)
Bargains	21.181
Outstream USM	105.70 (-0.66)
New York	
Dow Jones	1314.74 (+0.90)
Nikkei Dow	12,748.01 (-10.80)
Hong Kong	1502.94 (+10.81)
Amsterdam	211.8 (-2.0)
Sydney: AO	854.5 (-2.4)
Frankfurt	
Commerzbank	1388.3 (+18.4)
Brussels	
General	338.45 (-13.01)
Paris: CAC	229.4 (-0.9)
Zurich	
SKA General	367.10 (+0.80)

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New York:	
Comex \$314.25	

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Resource Tech	48 +6
Lon & Man Sec	8 +1
Malmind Hds	45 +5
Regellan Props	172 +18
Early's Wilney	83 +8
Metal Box	476 +43
HP Bullmer	144 +10
Millets Leisure	170 +12
Needlers	130 +10
FALLS:	
South Diffusion	66 -26
Ass Brit Eng	3 -1
Pineapple Dance	40 -8
Access Sat	220 -28
Micro Focus	275 -32
MEMEC	300 -30
SGR Int	73 -7
Zygal Dynamics	28 -2
Body Shop Int	743 -45
Fobst Int	27 -2
Clyde Pet	70 -5
Beecham	356 -22
St Tele & C	144 -8
Sangers	69 -4
Amstrad	80 -4
Davy Corp	102 -5

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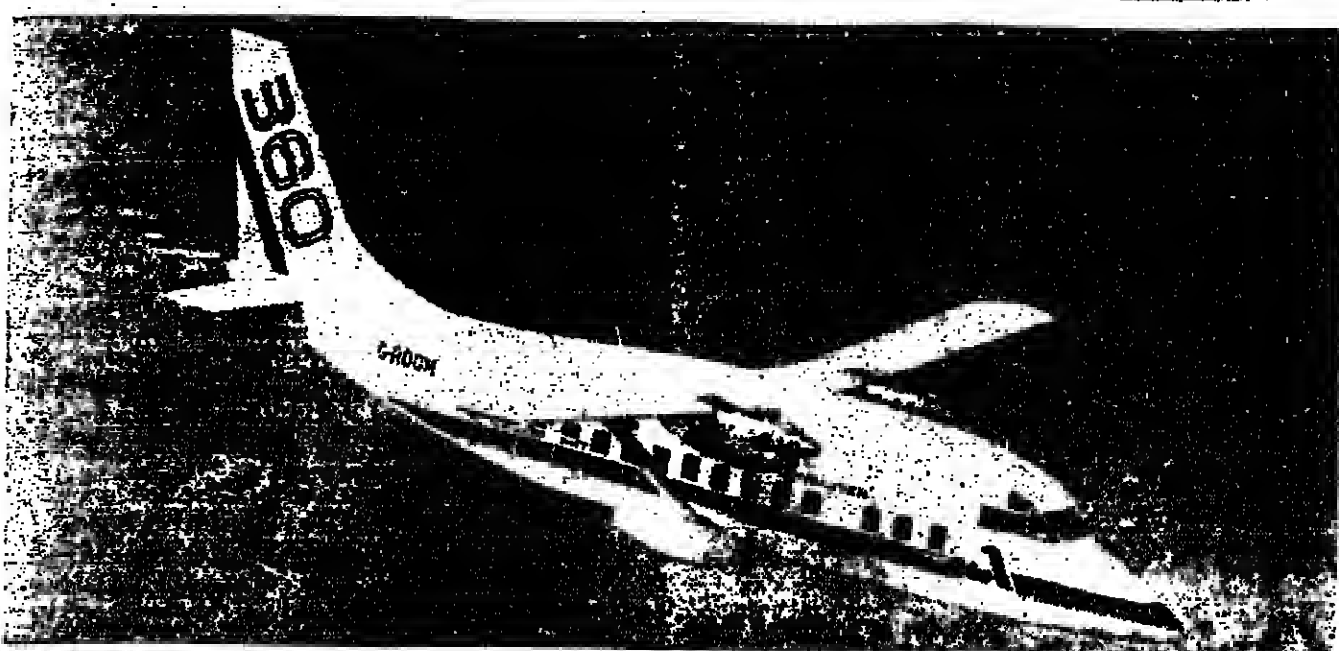
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The Short Brothers 360: An entry to the Chinese market

Scandal started an industry

Harry Ferguson, the Ulster engineer who later went on to found the tractor empire which survives today as Massey-Ferguson, began Northern Ireland's involvement in aerospace in 1909, when it was called aviation. Ferguson was the first Briton to design and build his own monoplane, at Hillsborough, Co. Down, but was almost eclipsed by a Belfast clergyman's daughter called Lillian Bland.

She was only a few weeks behind Ferguson, scandalizing polite Belfast society by designing, building and flying her own biplane early in 1910. But although she taught herself to fly, she found the outraged male chauvinists of the time were made of sterner stuff. Succumbing to family pressure she gave up her waywardness, and flying, after a few months. Slipping into obscurity, Lillian Bland died, almost unremembered, at the age of 97.

The activity in which she dabbled briefly, is now Northern Ireland's biggest manufacturing industry. Nearly 7,000 people are employed at Short Brothers' aircraft and missile factories in Belfast, with several thousand other Ulster jobs dependent on them.

The company is the world's oldest aircraft manufacturer, having landed the first production contract in 1908 for six aeroplanes from the Wright Brothers. The company began moving from England to Belfast during the 1930s and completed the move after the Second World War.

Shorts is wholly state-owned - Stormont holding 93 per cent and Whitehall the residue. The company now awaits privatization when it is expected to be placed on the market next year.

The current buoyancy of shorts is based on three activities: development and production of its own range of small transport aircraft and the licence production of a turboprop military trainer; the design, development and manufacture, as a sub-contractor or risk-sharing partner, of major assemblies for other makers' aircraft; and the development and production of short-range guided missiles.

So far this year the company has won every contract for which it bid, overshadowing even its upbeat 1984, when a

USAF order for 18 Sherpa light freighters was placed. Most of these have already been delivered.

This year the company has entered the Chinese market with its 36-seat SD 360 regional airliner. An initial order for eight will be supplied this year.

Sixty-five 360s are already with airlines throughout the world. Shorts, once a major supplier to the RAF and the Royal Navy, is now back in the British military field with a £125 million contract to supply the RAF's next primary trainer, the Brazilian-designed Embraer Tucano.

Both Shorts and Embraer are comparing notes on what they believe the 1990s commuter airline market will require. Shorts is inviting Embraer's participation in its 45-seat stretched 360 Project 450.

Shorts has been long-established sub-contractors to Boeing. Early this year the Belfast company climbed aboard the advanced, smaller, 737-300, initial contract to supply 150 rudder assemblies. Another contract won earlier this year promises to be equally long-lived. Shorts, joining with erstwhile

American competitors Rohr Industries jointly to develop and produce pods for the five-ton V2500 turbofan engine in which Rolls-Royce and Pratt and Whitney are both involved. Shorts will take 40 per cent of the work, and Rohr 60 per cent, in podding an engine designed for 150-seat airliners destined to have a production life of at least 25 years.

In guided weapons' the success story of Shorts continues with production of the Javelin surface-to-air missile for Britain's armed services and export customers.

The economic benefits which Shorts' resurgence has brought principally to the Protestant community in East Belfast are now beginning to be wider spread. This summer the company will open a satellite factory, initially employing about 200, in a building on the former DeLorean plant in predominantly Catholic West Belfast.

High hopes in 1980 that the province would boast of a second aircraft company working in high-technology carbon-fibre structures, were dashed

last month with the collapse, in the USA and Ulster, of Lean Fan Ltd.

Whitehall funding was terminated last year, then the radical, twin-turboprop business aircraft failed to gain a US air-worthiness certificate. The decision had long been expected in Northern Ireland, where the bulk of the 370 local workers were made redundant nearly a year ago. It was a long way from the first optimistic promises of 1,100 jobs for the province.

Northern Ireland is now adequately served by commercial airlines with Aldergrove, Belfast International Airport, and Shorts' smaller, waterside, Belfast Harbour Airport only four minutes from the City Hall. Several short-haul services to provincial cities in mainland Britain have developed since it was opened to airlines just over two years ago.

Aldergrove was designated one of the UK's six experimental "freeways" last year.

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A £100m boost for Queen's Island

Queen's Island, Belfast, is the site of the only remaining integrated engineering and ship-building complex in Britain. Just one of the factors, according to chairman and chief executive, John Parker, that made Harland and Wolff uniquely placed to get the £100m contract to build the revolutionary oil vessel SWOPS.

SWOPS, the single well oil production system vessel, will be able to exploit marginal oil fields, those with up to 10 million barrels of oil. It is due for delivery to BP in 1987 and will be one of the world's most advanced ships.

When John Parker stepped in two years ago to lead the ailing yard back to health one newspaper called his task "mission impossible". But he says: "I knew the underlying strengths of the company and the talent of its people at all levels."

After extensive investment in new technology including CAD/CAM, computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacture, and a change in method to bring most work under cover and unaffected by



Harland and Wolff chairman John Parker - Blue Star tanker in background

weather, the yard claims to be the most advanced in Britain.

Versatility is now the watchword at Queen's Island. As well as the high-tech offshore project for the oil industry the yard is working on a £70m contract for four refrigerated cargo vessels for the Blue Star Line, and a £6m order for two heavy duty barges for work in the North Sea.

Harland and Wolff has also won a second order from the

British Steel Corporation for a 173,000 ton bulk carrier, worth about £30m.

Naval work came back to the yard after 15 years with a £6 million order in 1983 for a floating harbour for the Falkland Islands. It was a difficult job completed in record time, despite appalling weather conditions.

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Slow drinkers, fast business

Ulster people spend less on alcohol than anybody in Britain according to Regional Trends published last month.

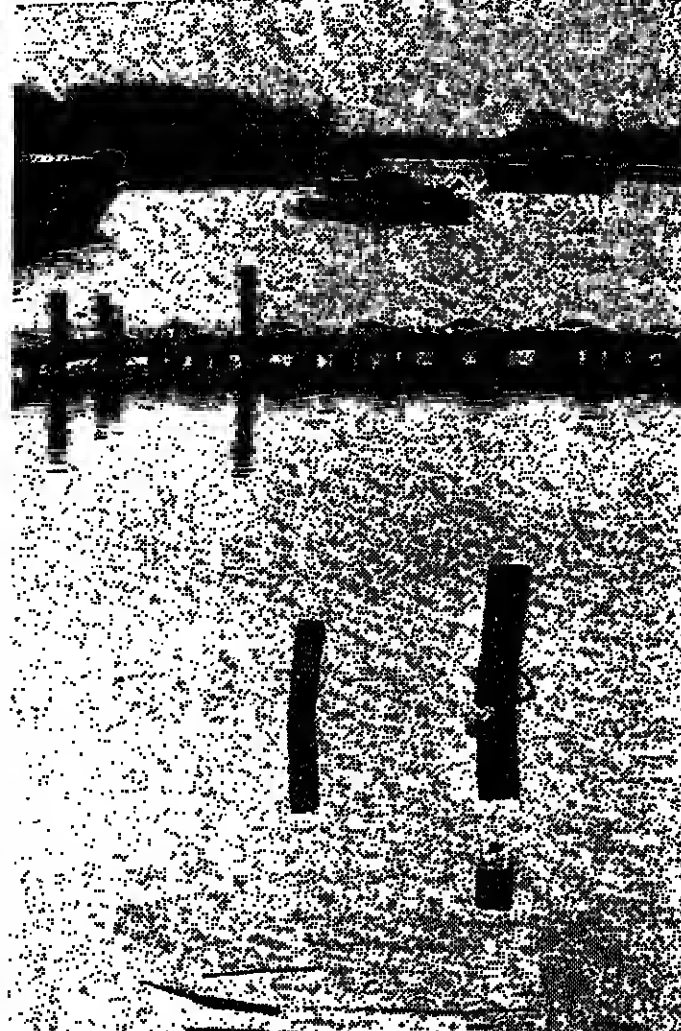
Nevertheless the drinks industry is flourishing. Guinness is investing £6m in moving its packaging subsidiary, the Irish Bonding Company, Ltd. to a new 12-acre site in Castlereagh and installing machinery which can fill 40,000 cans and 5,000 bottles an hour, twice the present capacity.

The Guinness group of companies in Northern Ireland employs more than 1,000 people and its annual turnover exceeds £100m. Recently Guinness and its sister products for sale in the Irish republic have been packed in Ulster.

The most famous Irish drink must surely be whiskey with an 'e' and in Northern Ireland that means Bushmills, the name of a village near the Giant's Causeway, its distillery, and the whiskey itself. The old Bushmills distillery was granted its licence to distill in 1608 and claims to be the oldest in the world.

Bushmills whiskeys are drunk in 106 countries. The two established blends Old Bushmills and Black Bush have now been joined by a single malt Bushmills Malt which has just come on to the market after more than 10 years in the cask.

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Gone fishing: Off Co Antrim coast in high summer, left, and on Lough Erne in spring, Co Fermanagh

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The Northern Ireland Tourist Board last year unveiled its Ulster American Heritage Trail - an offer of help to Irish Americans who visit Ulster to try to trace their family tree. Now the invitation is being extended to Australians and New Zealanders.

Tourists are surprised to find that Northern Ireland is mainly a rural country and that life is not war-torn but mostly peaceful. "We have no problem in getting visitors to come a second time," says Tourist Board executive. "They have been captivated by the quiet rural atmosphere, the space, the scenery, and the friendly welcome - or if they are as sports mad as we are by our unrivalled sporting facilities."

Last year the number of

Origins of a new tourism

staying visitors rose to 908,000 and they spent £75.75m compared with £72.2m in 1983. Day trippers from the Republic spent £130m in 1984, and the home holiday trade added another £30m.

Cruising in the uncrowded waterways of Fermanagh Lakeland, golf on the province's 70 courses, and fishing along the

300 miles of unpolluted shore or in the well-stocked lakes and rivers are the traditional holiday pastimes. Walking, riding, caravanning and camping follow closely in popularity followed by activities including parachuting, gliding, hang-gliding and water-skiing.

The Ards peninsula has much to offer a beautiful countryside, sandy bays, small seaside resorts and fishing villages, spectacular natural rock formations of which the Giant's Causeway is the best known, ancient monuments and stately homes. The area is a wealth of interest for the amateur historian, naturalist or archaeologist, as well as safe beaches for the bucket-and-spaders.

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United in victory

It may have been pitching it too high to write, as one Fleet Street journalist did, that Britons were more interested in Barry McGuigan's attempt on the world featherweight championship than they were 19 years ago in Henry Cooper's classic fight with Muhammad Ali.

But it is no overstatement to say that McGuigan's points victory over the Panamanian Eusebio Pedroza, coupled with the world snooker championship win of Ulster-born Dennis Taylor, has given the people of Northern Ireland a new pride. The pride and praise ran from the youngest in the land to the highest levels of administration. Douglas Hurd, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said: "The whole community in Northern Ireland, united in saluting your magnificent achievement in winning the world title."

Dr Garret FitzGerald, the



Here: McGuigan in Belfast

Prime Minister of Eire, phoned McGuigan, whose head was still being drunk in Belfast last night, to say: "You are making an enormous contribution to the cause of reconciliation in Ireland."

McGuigan, a Roman Catholic married to a Protestant, was born in the Republic. His mother is from the North but he lives in Clones, County Monaghan, close to the Ulster border.

Officially the first victory parade was to be held in Clones but the people of Belfast had other ideas and were streaming into the city from the moment of his victory. On hearing that the Lord Mayor had organized a triumphal celebration, McGuigan delayed plans to return to his home and joined thousands in a jubilant street celebration.

For Northern Ireland, Dennis Taylor was equally important. Probably the most famous Roman Catholic son of Coalisland, near Belfast, Taylor won possibly the most gripping final in the 59 years of the world snooker competition's championship.

Seamus Ogham

Where 50,000 find lots of work

More than 50,000 people are employed full or part time in agriculture in Northern Ireland. In 1983 they earned £437 million. But with farm overproduction in the EEC, Ulster has turned to the food processing, a sector providing 17,000 jobs, almost 1300 of them new in the last year.

Recent developments include expansion of DPP-Schreiber Cheese processed and synthetic cheese slices for the fast-food industry, a new processing plant at Portadown for Moy Park Poultry, and a new method of deboning and vacuum-packing meat for export by Mastercut of Omagh.

Firms processing seafood include Cuan Sea Fisheries which specializes in oysters, Atlantic Harvest smoked salmon, and prawn processors Euro Shellfish and Kilkeel Kipperies.

On the dairy side, L. E. Pritchitt of Newtonards is packing long-life milk in wine-box style cartons for export.



M & S: A shopping revolution in Belfast

Nidco Foods, Fairfield Foods, and Halib Foods International are marketing dairy products for the home and foreign markets respectively.

The Milk Marketing Board for Northern Ireland is promising a new low-fat hard cheese which will be good and taste good too.

Two successful local firms close to the food industry are Boxmore International and Northbrook Laboratories. Box-

moor International of Lurgan is big in the egg-packaging business and turns out computer-designed moulded pulp packs for six billion eggs a year.

Northbrook Laboratories set up 15 years ago and is today a leading world veterinary pharmaceutical company. It is now completing trials of an internal drug delivery system which the firm's founder Eddie Haughey claims will revolutionize routine preventive medication of animals.

Why the shops are booming

Banks, building societies, restaurants, and the arts are booming in Belfast - and so are the shops. "We've had a shopping revolution here," said Sandy Brown, manager of Marks & Spencer's city centre store.

M & S has led the central development with an £18m doubling of its trading space. Investment is pouring into shopping precincts all around Belfast, including £2m at

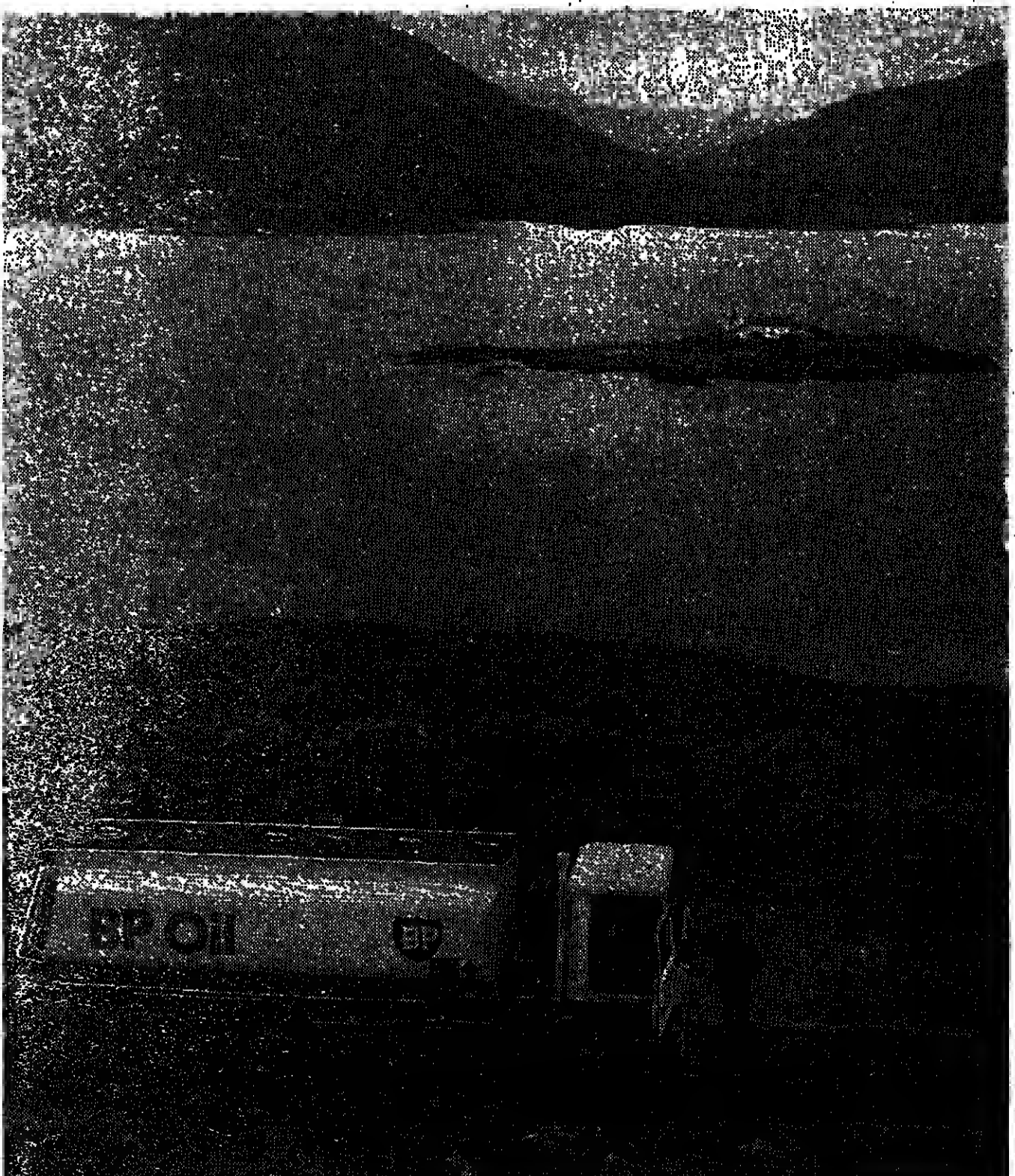
Wellington Place, and Laing's £40m Castle Court development to the north.

Outside the capital, Londonderry's Richmond centre, a modern complex with four main stores and 40 shops, was opened last November. In the first six months three million people passed through and £10m was spent.

The smaller towns and cities

are also getting improved shopping facilities. The year-old Ards Centre at Newtownards is remarkable not only for the range of merchandise available but for the generous allocation of space and the good design of shop entrances. Shoppers in wheelchairs and those with small children can move about in comfort there.

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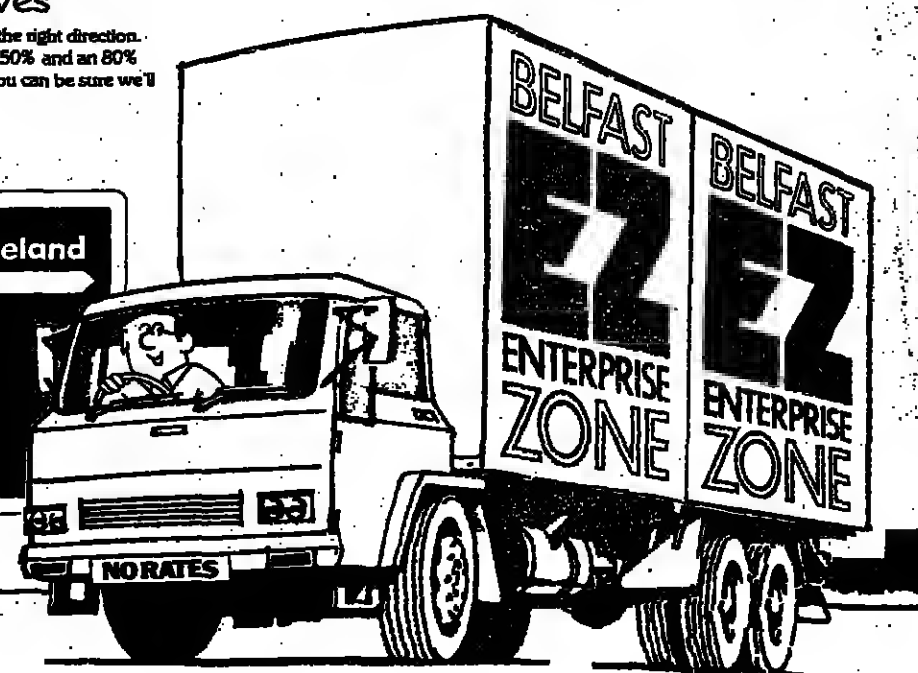
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Japan aims to strike a million

The newest development in the smoking business is the arrival in Ballymoney, County Antrim, of IWAX Inc. to manufacture disposable cigarette lighters for the rapidly growing European market. IWAX is the first Japanese company to set up in Northern Ireland.

Company president Mr. Fukuo Iwahori says: "We chose Ulster as our European production base because of the productivity of the workforce, the attractive financial package, and the impressive research and development facilities offered by the universities." Production targets are two million lighters a month in three years.

The tobacco firm Callagher, now one of Northern Ireland's largest employers, was founded more than a century ago in Londonderry by Tom Callagher. Today it is a subsidiary of the US firm, American Brands Incorporated.

But its Ulster origin is reflected in the fact that the engineering and the research and development for the whole of Britain are based in Belfast, and Northern Ireland accounts for 43 per cent of the UK workforce.

The company has factories in Belfast and Lisnaffillan, near Ballymena, employing 3,400. The main export cigarette is Silk Cat King Size.

In the last five years Callagher has put £50m into capital investment in its Ulster operations, the latest phase being a £10m expansion at Lisnaffillan.

On a smaller scale, Rothmans employs about 850 people on its Carrickfergus site and manufactures nine brands of cigarette, a large proportion for export.

The old-established pipe tobacco firm, Murrays of Belfast, is now a Rothmans company. Its best known brand, Erinmore, is exported to 165 countries.

The cigarette machinery firm, Molins until recently a feature of the Londonderry scene, closed its factory there at the beginning of the year but a sizeable proportion of its high quality workforce has obtained financial backing for a precision engineering co-operative.

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Design for linen

Flax growing began again in Ulster in the early 1980s after a lapse of 30 years. More than 1,000 acres have been planted in 1985 but this will supply less than seven per cent of local demand.

Linen, for almost three centuries a staple industry of Northern Ireland, but in decline for the past four or five decades, has once again become "fibre for the future" - the title chosen for a recent report on the linen industry.

The revival in flax growing has been helped by the discovery that spraying a mature crop with glyphosate, a common weedkiller, makes unnecessary an unpleasant but formerly essential process called "retting".

The use of linen in spring and summer ranges by top fashion designers, including Ulster's own Paul Costelloe, has brought a rapid growth in the market for woven linen fabrics.

Another recent fashion fad is for knitted linen garments - mainly sweaters. This has produced a growing and unsatisfied demand for linen yarns for knitting. A "linen task force" set up to examine the industry is recommending a £100 million investment.

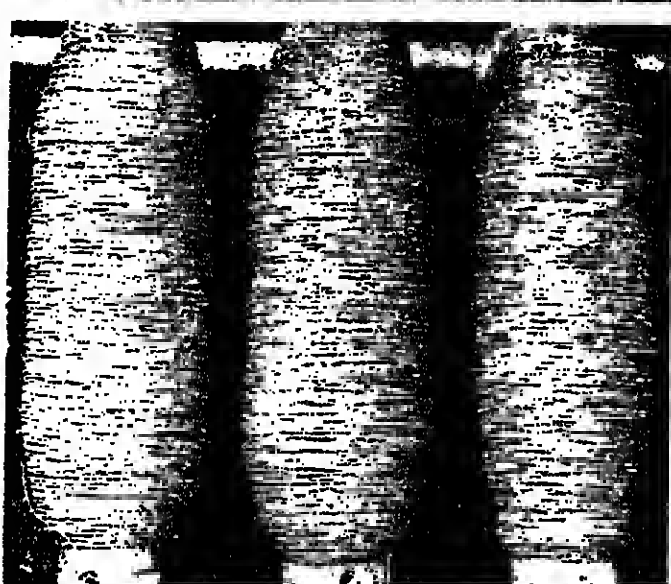
Do the prospects really justify expenditure on this scale? "Certainly," says Dr William Foster of the industry's research institute. "Opportunities are opening up in fashion and in new uses. We have great skill and flair for this stuff. We have now to develop marketing skills."

"There is a growing consumer market which can appreciate and afford the advantages of natural fabrics, and the distinctive character of linen."

A new range of linen and wool mixture fabrics has been developed, also for the couture market, which will give added warmth and extend the season.

These and other new linen-based materials will go on show to trade buyers in September. They include polyester and linen for shirts, linen and nylon to blend strength and coolness for car seat covers, and other products treated or blended to give the requisite properties for curtains, wall-coverings and other applications.

The demand for linen yarn has led to Northern Ireland's first manufacturing investment from Hong Kong. The international textile group, the CFA



Flaxing lyrical: From field to reel to fashion scene, a promising revival of a traditional industry

Organization, is to set up production in new premises at Doagh, Co Antrim.

The company will provide 60 new jobs and will be known as Textin Yarns Ltd. It will produce spun linen yarn mostly for export to Europe and the Far East, where it will be knitted into garments and sent to fashion stores in Japan and the United States.

Initially the Doagh mill will use flax imported from Belgium but it may well change to locally produced crops quite soon. Local flax spinning companies are being urged by the task force to invest in modern machinery. A record 32 per cent increase reported by the Export Credits Guarantee Department in textile exports in 1983-84 was said

by the director Walter Kee to be almost entirely due to the popularity of linen and linen blends in the fashion trade.

As a proportion of world textile production linen is tiny, but Robert Frank, of Linen International in London, is confident it will always have a place. "The future is buoyant," he said.

Much of the Northern Ireland clothing industry manufactures for chain stores and other large-scale customers. The 100-year-old Londonderry company Desmond's employs 1,700 highly trained people and turns out 100,000 garments a week, almost all of them for that most exciting of customers, Marks & Spencer.



All ready for progress

The port of Belfast is 200 years old this year but some of its facilities are as new as tomorrow. Thirteen million pounds has been invested in 1980-1984. Stormont Wharf complex has recently been modernized; its berths deepened and cargo movement improved.

The port has the advantage of being only a quarter of a mile from the main motorway system and close to a railhead serving the whole of Ireland. A new container terminal costing 2.3 million is to be ready next year. It will be able to take vessels up to 7.3 metres draught and will have a 35-tonne transporter container crane.

There has been foreshore reclamation on both sides of the River Lagan. Much of the area has Enterprise Zone status, a third of which is already let. There are grain handling facilities with a capacity of 125,000 tonnes in four separate silos, modern and efficient coal handling, and four oil berths, as well as storage and distribution facilities.

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As part of the birthday celebration, the Victorian harbour office, rich in stained glass, has been restored. Tours by bus and boat are held for the public to see the new and old Port of Belfast.

Passengers on the increase

Work has been proceeding apace at Aldergrove to provide the facilities needed by the airport's sharply increasing number of passengers just over 2 million in 1983 to almost 1,600,000 in 1984.

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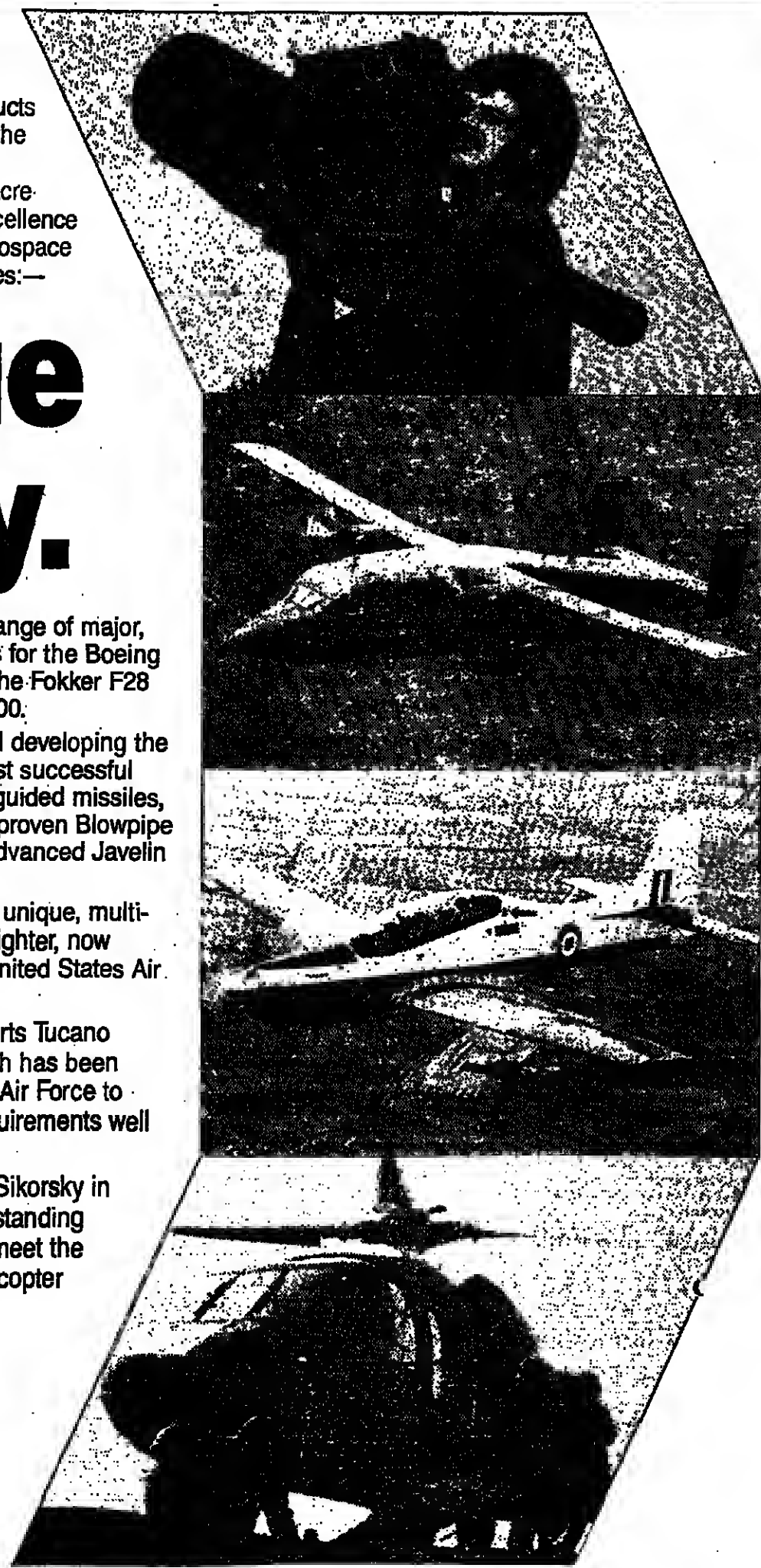
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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

June 13, 1985

The labour market is the scene of intense change. International competition and new technology are among the forces driving change on and it is now faster than ever before. For example, there is a relentless demand for higher skills coupled with a relentless squeezing out of less skilled jobs. I recently took part in a conference in Glasgow about skilled manpower and the Scottish electronics industry.

The Engineering Industry Training Board's manpower figures tell a fascinating story. Between 1978 and 1984 the total number of employees in the electronics industry in Scotland hardly changed at all: there were 36,650 employees in 1984 and 36,800 in 1978. But the number of scientists and technologists in the industry increased during that period by 94 per cent (1879 up to 3637), the number of technicians increased by 26 per cent (4384 to 5425), the number of managerial staff rose by 22 per cent and administrative occupations fell by more than 14 per cent: so did craftsmen (9 per cent) and operators (18 per cent, from 18,700 to 15,300, the biggest drop of all in absolute numbers).

Change is exceptionally fast in

electronics but the general picture is the same throughout industry. New patterns of work are also emerging. The number of self-employed people, for example, is estimated to have increased by half a million during the past four years. There have been big increases in part-time jobs; 44 per cent of women at work are in part-time jobs. Flexible working arrangements are coming in widely.

The direction and pace of change places great emphasis on people's competence and adaptability, and the signs are that this will become still more pronounced as time goes on.

All this highlights the connection between education, training and work. How do our arrangements match up to the increasing demands being placed upon them?

One way of judging this is to observe what other countries do. Last year the National Economic Development Council and the Manpower Services Commission published *Competence and Competitiveness* which compared the approaches to education and training of three major competitor countries - West Germany, the United States and Japan - with our own. The report, which was prepared by a team from the Institute of Man-

Education and training must be geared to match the demand for more skills in British industry today, says John Cassels



power Studies, brought out the close connection seen by competitor countries between learning, competence and industrial success.

The report prompts some big questions about the adequacy of British provision. For example:

● It is satisfactory that the number of young people entering apprenticeships every year in Britain has declined from 100,000 to 40,000, whereas in West Germany in 1982 no fewer than 620,000 young people passed examinations completing their apprenticeships?

● Why have we been content to accept that the majority of school leavers still seek to enter the labour

market in Britain at 16, while the normal age of entry in West Germany and the United States is 18 and the average in Japan is as high as 20?

● Is the high performance of American industry connected with the fact that one of five American workers has a degree as against Britain's figure of one in fourteen?

● Can we compete in the engineering field if we produce 15,000 engineering graduates a year while the Japanese produce between 60,000 to 70,000?

Fortunately there are encouraging signs. It is excellent that it is the intention to develop the Youth

Training Scheme into a permanent two-year high quality programme, giving the hope of enabling every young person completing a course to be fully competent in a particular job, to have acquired skills which can be transferred to other jobs, to have learnt how to apply competences in unfamiliar situations and to have increased his or her personal effectiveness.

It is a tall order but there is no time to lose. A young person who leaves the first two-year scheme will not retire until about 2030 A.D.

Change is on way in schools. The rather specialized and academic approach of education in England and Wales is being broadened and given a more practical twist.

The recent Green Paper on the development of higher education in the 1990s gives evidence of an intention to enable higher education to contribute more to improving the economy, even if there is plenty of room for argument about the balance and scale of provision foreseen.

One of our problems is that during the past couple of decades training has generally been seen as a technical matter and overwhelmingly about technical skills within restricted occupational ranges.

It is an interesting comment on

this approach that the electricians' trade union is eager to retrain electricians in electronic skills. Too many companies thought electricians as an occupational group were incapable of working at higher levels of skill.

Competence and Competitiveness particularly raises questions about the approach of companies. Overall, West German, American and Japanese industry all spend much more per head on training and education than does British industry. There are many instances of companies in these competitor countries who spend 3 per cent or more of their turnover on training and education. There cannot be many British companies which are able to claim that.

It is stating things in too narrow terms to talk simply of "training and education". A "little Noddy" study group which looked at the application of new technology in America found that, as one company put it, "The biggest single factor which will make the difference over the decade will not be the technology but the people".

As in America, the best companies in Britain recognize that they

must have a policy for the development and use of human resources if they want to be competitive. It is a policy that recognizes that it is people who make a company succeed or fail and that speeding on their development is an investment.

Human resource development starts at the top, with the senior managers and other professionals who lead companies. Unless their development is taken seriously and managed properly, it is unlikely that the development of the rest of the companies' workforces will be taken seriously.

I have grown tired of companies which say that if they train employees they get poached and make that an excuse for inadequate training. It is precisely that attitude which leads to the scarcities which lead to poaching. If companies were bold and took the positive line, there would be no poaching problem.

I hope human resource development will soon be at the top of many more companies' priorities. It is the surest way for us to climb back up the league table of industrial nations.

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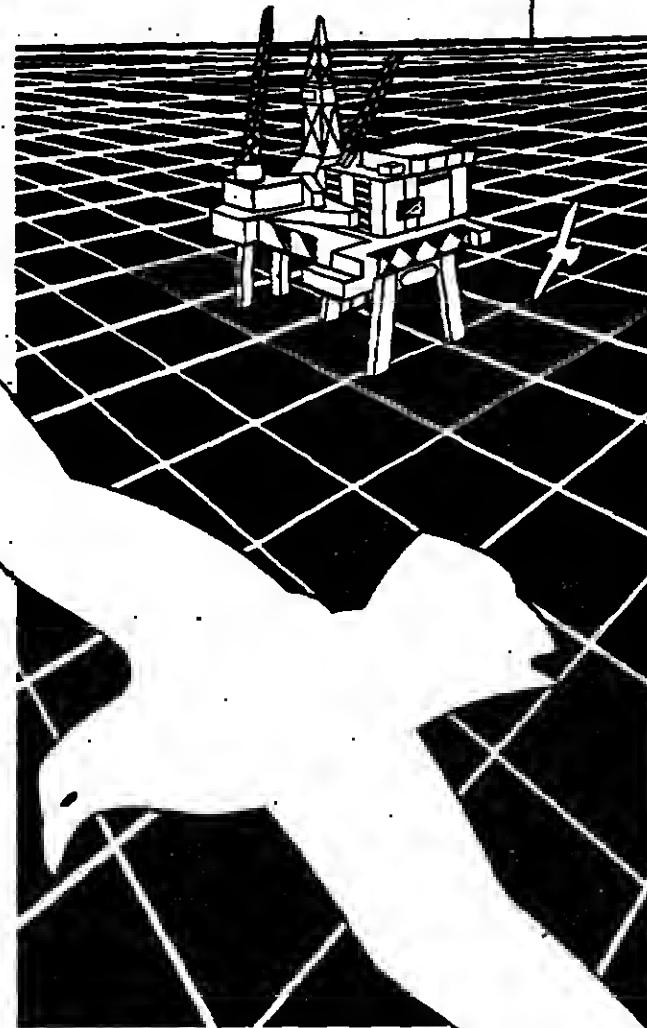
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QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants should have a higher degree, preferably a PhD, with experience of CAD and demonstrated ability in research. Experience in production industry is highly desirable.

TENURE: A term of 3 years with Australian Government superannuation benefits is available.

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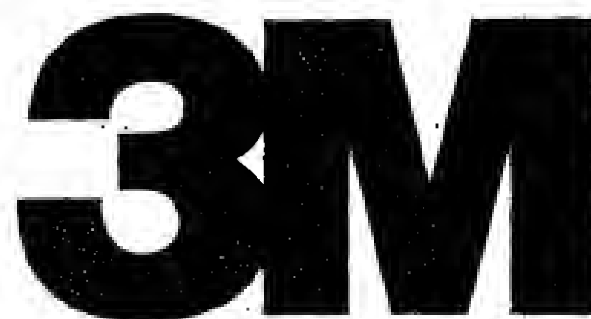
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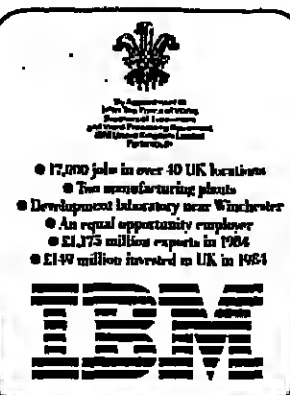
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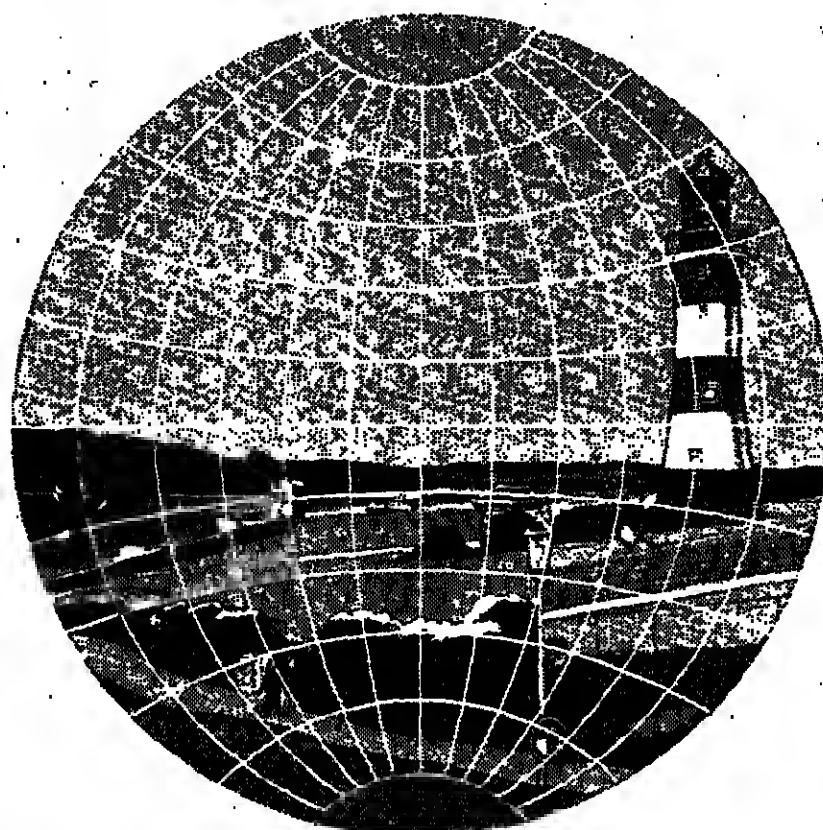
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The Times guide to career development

Is there life after sport?

"I awoke one day to find myself famous," wrote Lord Byron when he was still in his twenties, but fame can be a heavy burden to bear when the cheering stops, as the later progress of some sports stars illustrates. So how do you prevent a career that peaks early, at least in one sphere, going down hill all the way thereafter?

The problem with sporting fame is that it is very ephemeral. Injury can end it overnight, but for nearly all active sports, age brings it to a halt somewhere in the mid-thirties.

Coming to terms with that from the very beginning is the most important step towards making sure there is life after sport, says Trevor Brooking, the many-times-capped England international who retired from first class football last year at the age of 35. He has now embarked on a successful new career as a businessman and weekend sports commentator.

None of this happened by accident and Brooking's career as a footballer has been useful rather than crucial. At 21 he and a friend set up a book-binding firm in which he is still involved. He looked after the financial side, while his partner took care of sales and the day-to-day running of affairs.

"You're training in the mornings, so a part-time job in a situation where I could determine my own hours suited me exactly," he says. In addition to that he managed to take his A-levels and a business studies course in his playing years.

"You've got to think ahead if you want to go on keeping the standard of

Godfrey Golzen on the opportunities for sports people to find new careers

are useful to him in his widening business interests.

Brooking signed as a professional at 16, but he points out that only 20 to 25 per cent of the youngest who are attracted into the game at that age ever reach its higher levels. He advises that parents of children who are gifted at the sport should talk the Players' Football Association about how to handle their future.

"They give advice on how to combine educational courses with football apprenticeships," he says. "There are grants and subsidies for young players which a lot of people don't know about."

He also says the association has increasingly important role in vetting agents and promoters who are eager to show other ways of capitalizing on their fame.

He says: "Some of them are sharks, others try to get you involved in deals that do you no good, either personally or professionally. You get known by the company you keep in sport as in other things."

Agents are also now emerging openly on the athletics scene, which has moved into a grey area somewhere between amateurism and professionalism. Appearance money payments made to athletes by sponsors are invested in a trust fund for when they retire, but they receive only out-of-pocket expenses while they are still competing.

However, according to Mike Farrell, secretary of the British Athletics Board, and himself a former Olympic athlete, not even the superstars will finish with enough money to secure their future. "Aces like Coe, Ovett and Cram will probably end up with a six-figure sum in their fund but for most top athletes it will only be a few hundred pounds," he says.

The trouble is that whether you are a star or merely a run-of-the-mill international, the amount of training is the same and staying at the top is very demanding in time and energy.

Farrell himself is sharply aware that sporting fame is brief: "We're very keen that athletes should keep up with their education - and that, if they have a job, it should be one that is independent of their game."

Otherwise the employer may simply lose interest in them when their publicity value stops. Again he advises that young athletes likely to have an international career - or their parents - should discuss their long-term future, either with the board or with one of the national coaches.

He says: "It's as important to train for a job as it is for a sport. Even if you decided to stay in it, as a recreation manager or in coaching, you need proper qualifications. To have been a good competitor is not enough."

That view is endorsed by sports columnist Neil Allen, who has followed the career of the stars in virtually every sport for 30 years. "I'd advise any performer to go into a job which allows plenty of time off - but which also has a long-term future. Only a tiny handful have the charisma of a Henry Cooper, who has gone on being a celebrity long after he stopped appearing in the ring."

Fortunately, says Farrell, athletes seldom have career problems later on. "They're pretty level-headed about the ultimate value of international honours." A typical example is Heather Oakes, an Olympic 100-metre finalist in Rome. She works for the Inner London Education Authority in the Camden Youth Office.

"You've got to get athletics into perspective," she says. "It's a wonderful chance to travel and meet interesting people, but you're only at the top for a short time."

She laughs at the idea that there is

You must be determined and competitive

money to be made as an athlete. "Sponsorship pays for expenses and equipment, that's all, and it's a good thing otherwise a lot of kids couldn't afford to compete. There are several internationalists who are on the dole."

Farrell says, however, that excellence in sport can enhance your career in other ways. "It's not so much the old-boy network, but to train at the highest levels you need to be single-minded, determined and competitive."

"Quite a few athletes are able to turn these qualities into other channels - Sir Roger Bannister, Chris Chataway, Jeffrey Archer and Chris Brasher are just some of the names who come to mind - and it's a factor we at the board point out to employers whenever we get the chance."

Few youngsters reach the higher levels of football

living which a successful player reaches," he stresses, "a lot of footballers have a vague idea of going into coaching or management later on, but that's something you can't do without proper preparation."

"A good player doesn't necessarily make a good manager either. That calls for a different set of administrative and managerial skills, and the respect players have for your past achievements, while it may be real enough, is only part of the picture."

As far as he was concerned, though, he felt that a business involvement outside the game altogether gave him a mental stimulus which football on its own didn't provide - particularly as he got older.

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